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ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

WHAT's for dinner? When President Macapagal and husband, Mr. Mike Arroyo hosted INQUIRER editors, columnists and executives at the INQUIRER'S Makati office on Thursday, food for thought and delectation was on the menu with off-the-record disclosures for dessert.

'My duty to accept'

Ople says GMA offer has effect of sovereign command

By Cynthia D. Balana and Juliet L. Javellana

SEN. Blas Ople yesterday said he was "duty bound" to accept the invitation to serve as foreign secretary in place of Vice President Teofisto Guingona if the offer were made by President Macapagal-Arroyo herself.

But the opposition senator, whom officials close to the President had been wooing to take on the premier Cabinet post, insisted that the offer "should not be tied up" to the current impasse in the Senate between the administration and opposition blocs.

"On this matter, I shall therefore vote as my conscience dictates, and that is in favor of the new democratic majority in the Senate, which has reorganized the Senate's committees in accordance with Senate rules," Ople said in a statement.

He added: "Following that, I shall be free to consider an invitation to join the Cabinet. Such an invitation, if sincerely made, coming from the President as head of state, has the force and effect of a sovereign command which a citizen is duty bound to accept. It is already a great honor to be considered for such an eminent position."

Ople issued the statement upon his arrival yesterday from California in the United States. The 75-year-old senator said he had made a stopover in San Francisco for a medical checkup—at which he was given a clean bill of health—after attending the 90th session of the International Labor Conference in Geneva as a member of the Philippine delegation.

Administration lawmakers took turns assailing Ople's position.

Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez, who was initially supportive of Ople to head the Department of Foreign Affairs, said it was "completely unacceptable" that the latter would consider the post but only after he had voted to install an

MY DUTY/A15

When dinner was good, but the company even better

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

GUESS who came to the INQUIRER for dinner but brought the dinner, the wine, the centerpiece, the china, the silver, the chairs and the waiters? President Macapagal-Arroyo.

She also brought four members of her Cabinet, two of her advisers, and her husband, First Gentleman Mike Arroyo.

The First Couple arrived at around 9:45 p.m. She stayed until around 12:30 a.m. but he excused himself earlier, pleading an upset stomach following dinner catered by the classy Italian resto Cibo. (Which is not saying that it was something he ate that caused his early exit.)

The food—pan-roasted *lapu lapu* fillets, risotto salad, *crème brulee*, among others-was delectable. So were the table blooms of mums and gerbera that looked yummy enough to eat.

With INQUIRER chair Marixi Prieto to the President's right and columnist and editorial consultant Amando Doronila to her left, dinner talk was on and off the record.

It was off the record when the President explained why she supported the decision of Interior Secretary Joey Lina to relieve seven police generals, including some close to her, for failing to stop "jueteng" in their areas.

WHEN/A14

Aetas build first pre-school on hilly village

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

FOR A FEW heart-pounding moments, Aeta pre-school children loudly declare their identity:

"Ako'y Pilipino!
Pilipinas ang bayan ko!
Taga Tarukan ako!
Lahing katutubo!
Tribung Aeta ang kinabibilangan ko!"

(I am a Filipino, The Philippines is my country, Tarukan is my home, From an indigenous race I come, To the community of Aetas I belong.)

It is the first month of classes in the first school ever built in the Aeta hill village of Tarukan in Capas, Tarlac.

Like bumble bees buzzing endlessly, the children are shouting with glee, skipping and hopping on their bare feet as they race to school. They are so thrilled—snot on their noses, smiles on their faces, sun in their eyes.

Tarukan's Bini Pre-School opened last June 17.

Bini is the Sambal word for seed. It also stands for *balang oras iaral nawe taha ikanged* (every moment let's teach progress).

Around 60 pupils—aged 5 to 15—are enrolled there.

Two classes are held every day—one in the morning for those 5 to 8 years old and another in the afternoon for those 9 to 15. Both are in the preschool level.

Where and when is Grade One? That is another story.

The new schoolhouse—made of grass, bamboo and wood and the bare earth for flooring—could hold about 30 children.

All it has for now are several long benches, two large writing tables and a blackboard, plus, of course, a teacher—Gennie Panguelo, 36—and

AETAS/A14

15 sacadas started it all in Hawaii

Centennial of arrival to be celebrated in 2006

By Stella O. Gonzales

THEY were a hardy bunch—the first 15 Filipino *sacadas* who endured hardship in search of a better life in Hawaii.

And in 2006, Hawaii will be marking the centennial of their arrival. The celebration will be a grand tribute to the 15 plantation workers, and to all the other Filipinos who followed and helped contribute to what Hawaii is today.

Hawaii has established the Filipino Centennial Celebration Commission to oversee all activities and programs for the 100th anniversary. The commission will have 15 members from the Filipino community to be appointed by Gov. Benjamin Cayetano, the first Hawaii governor of Filipino ancestry.

The measure creating the commission took effect last July 1. It was passed by Hawaii's legislature and signed into law by Cayetano.

Hawaii's lieutenant governor was to have signed it last June 11 before a gathering of Filipinos, but at the last minute Cayetano decided to sign it four days earlier as his legacy to the state and to the Filipino people.

Cayetano, who was elected governor in 1994, ends his last term in December.

Part of the measure reads: "Since the

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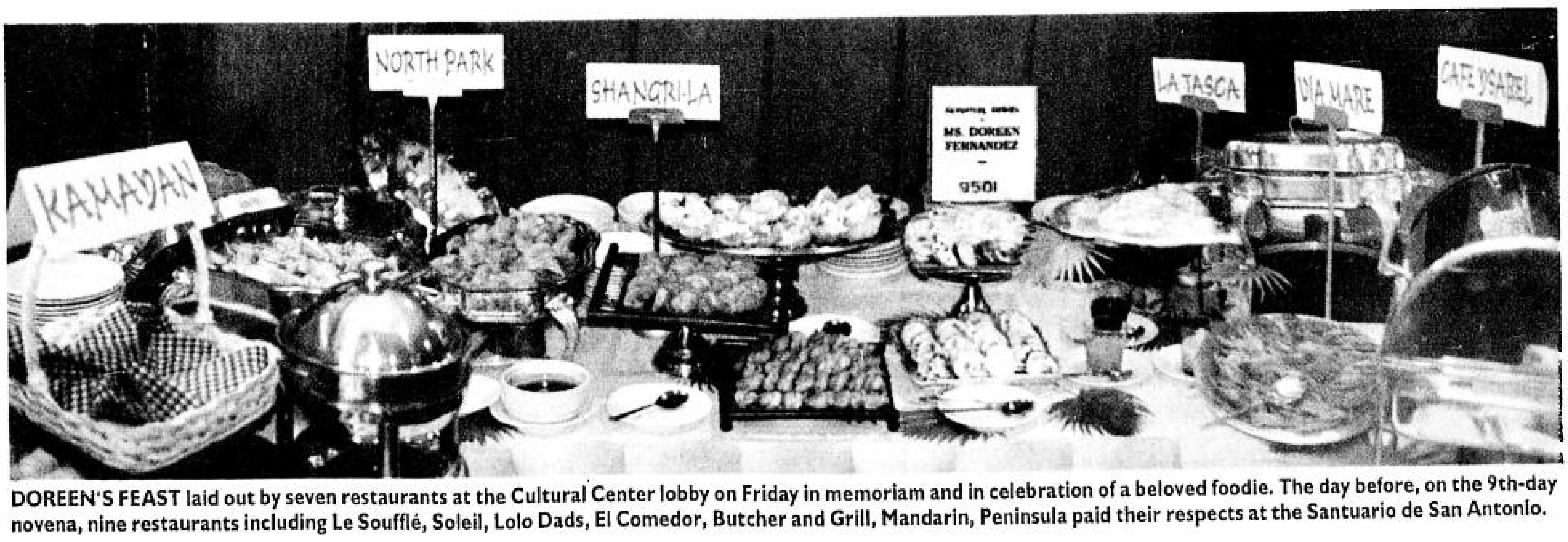


ROGER MARGALLO

DOREEN'S FEAST laid out by seven restaurants at the Cultural Center lobby on Friday in memoriam and in celebration of a beloved foodie. The day before, on the 9th-day novena, nine restaurants including Le Soufflé, Soleil, Lolo Dads, El Comedor, Butcher and Grill, Mandarin, Peninsula paid their respects at the Santuario de San Antonio.

Dishing out a tribute for the culinary guru

By Chelo Banal-Formoso
Lifestyle Editor

PRAYERS alone would not have sufficed. There had to be poetry and music—and food, glorious food.

The tribute from the chefs, a most fitting one for a woman who appreciated the aesthetics of nourishment, dominated the memorial service at the Cultural Center of the Philippines on Friday for teacher-historian-writer Doreen Gamboa Fernandez who died in New York on June 24.

Restaurateur Glenda Barreto and her staff set up buffet tables so inviting with their offerings of Fernandez's favorite dishes from Kamayan, La Tasca, North Park, Makati Shangri-la, 9501, Café Ysabel and Barreto's own Via Mare.

The day before at the "pasiyam" (nine-day prayers) for Fernandez at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, dinner was served after the Mass and novena, courtesy of Le Soufflé, Soleil, North Park, Lolo Dads, El Comedor, Butcher and Grill, Blue Frog, Mandarin, Peninsula, Pia Lim and Carmel Dael.

Such outpouring of devotion was totally expected from the chefs and owners of these establishments for over the years Fernandez had devoted time and energy to the exaltation of food in her columns and books.

Although she had written literary and theater reviews and authored books on culture and the arts, Fernandez was more popularly known

DISHING/A14

Metro goes under water; 6 killed, 5 hurt

By Alcuin Papa, Volt Contreras and Armand Nocum

AT LEAST six people were killed, five injured and several hundreds more evacuated from their homes as two days of record monsoon rains inundated low-lying areas of metropolitan Manila and other parts of the country.

The National Disaster Coordinating Council said a 10-year-old boy drowned in Malabon and a 21-year-old man drowned in Midsayap, North Cotabato.

A family of four was buried in a landslide in Batangas City, while four people were injured when a Tamaraw FX fell into a ravine at the boundary of Antipolo and Marikina.

Authorities said more than 1,500 people have been evacuated from communities near flooded creeks around Metro Manila.

The NDCC said rains and flood had isolated large portions of the city, including Marikina, Pasay, Quezon City, Manila, Mandaluyong, Makati, Valenzuela, Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and nearby provinces.

Flooding also was reported in some parts of Olongapo City in Zambales province.

Waters ran chest-deep in some areas. Soldiers used army trucks and rubber boats to rescue people trapped in their homes by floodwaters, the civil defense office said.

Unaffected

Traffic authorities said many areas, particularly España Avenue, Sampaloc and Sta. Mesa were not passable to small vehicles. Others were closed completely.

Traffic stalled and some schools suspended classes in Manila.

However, commuter trains, airlines and ferries were unaffected.

President Macapagal-Arroyo had to use a Ford Expedition SUV rather than her bulletproof Mercedes-Benz sedan to go from Malacañang to the Ateneo de Manila University to deliver a speech.

Government employees in yellow raincoats waded through water to unclog garbage-choked drains on España Ave. Uncollected garbage was one of the main causes of flooding in the city.

Metro Manilans woke up yesterday to overcast skies, heavy rains and water-logged streets. Fortunately for many, they did not have to go to work on a Saturday.

Over the previous 24 hours, ending at 8 a.m. yesterday, as much as 214 millimeters (8.4 inches) of rain fell on metropolitan Manila, the highest daily amount so far this year and far exceeding last year's record rainfall of 114.4 mm on Aug. 17, 2001, said weather forecaster Nilo Millanes.

More rain

The rains were caused by the southwest monsoon that has been drenching most of the country's west.

Metro Manila and the western parts of Luzon and the Visayas will be facing another rainy week as a typhoon over the Mariana Islands in the Pacific could enhance the effects of the southwest monsoon, Millanes said.

The typhoon, with international name "Chataan," is expected to enter the country tomorrow afternoon or evening.

However, the typhoon may only raise alert levels on shipping routes and "not directly affect" land areas, making it less likely for the weather bureau to issue storm warning signals, Millanes said.

He said the rains experienced the past week were "normal" for this time of the year, July and August being the peak of the rainy season.

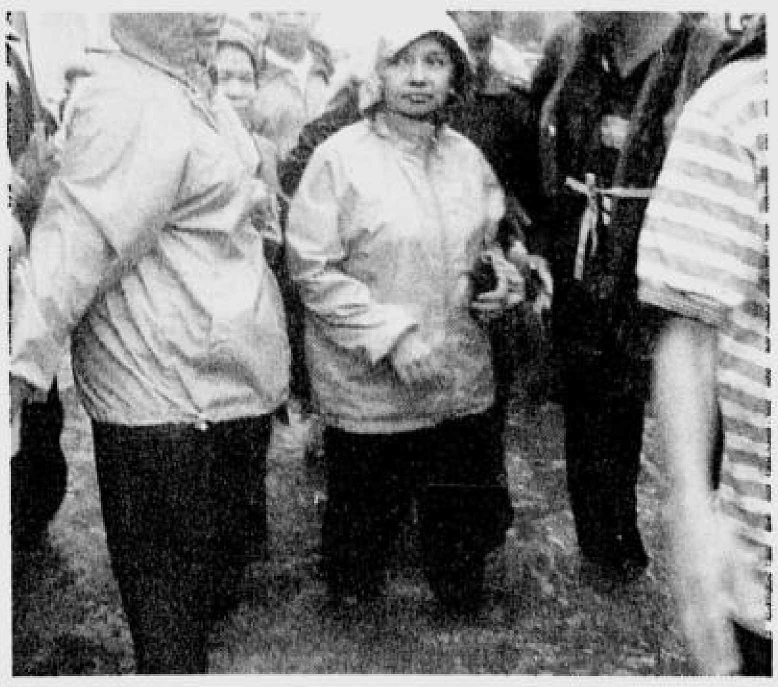
But the country may face a "shortened" wet season this year with the El Niño weather phenomenon expected to usher in a dry spell starting in the last quarter, he said.

Public works officials said two days of heavy rains combined with high tide caused the flooding in the metropolis.

"What we have is a bad combination of large volumes of water coming from the skies and the seas," Public Works Assistant Secretary Salvador Pleyto said.

High tide

Pleyto, who made the rounds of the city yesterday with Public Works Secretary Simeon Datumanong, said waters flowing from high areas of Quezon City brought flood waters to the low-lying areas of Manila.



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo wades in Tatalon, Quezon City, one of the hardest hit areas, during a look-see at the flood situation in the metropolis. EDWIN BACASMAS

High tide peaked at 11.3 meters at 7:41 yesterday morning, and went down to 10 meters in the afternoon, flooding the Camanava (Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas Valenzuela) area.

"You have a big volume of floodwater from Manila not draining to the sea due to the high tide," Pleyto said.

DPWH-NCR Regional Director Antonio Santa Elena said there was considerably less flooding this year compared to previous years, in spite of the heavy rainfall.

"This is because we have worked to extensively clear the esteros during the summer months," he said.

Neck-deep

According to reports from the Metro Manila Development Authority Traffic Operations Center, the areas most affected were Quezon City and Manila.

The highest flood level reported was in the Banawe-Retiro area, where floodwaters rose more than five feet, and on 19th St. and Roxas district and in Talayan Village in Quezon City where the water was neck-deep.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza said that although there was flooding, the waters receded quickly, "because of the drainage work we have been doing the last few months."

MMDA chair Bayani Fernando, who was on the road yesterday checking the traffic situation, said some of the flooding was really caused by garbage. He said the MMDA dispatched its de-clogging crew to help alleviate the flooding.

The NDCC said the 10-year-old boy, Juan Paulo Pascual, drowned in a river in Malabon, and Clinton Gelacio, 21, drowned in Midsayap, North Cotabato province in Mindanao.

Initial reports said Pascual's mother had said her son had gone out to play on Friday night. The fifth grader never returned. Fishermen from Catmon, Malabon found his body yesterday.

Killed in the landslide were Ipefania Lopez, Helen Lopez and Anastacia Maralla. Another family member, identified as Regina Lopez, was being treated for injuries at the Tuy General Hospital. ***With reports from Philip C. Tubeza and Leila Salaverria***

Naktaf signs off, finally

By Alcuin Papa

NEW Philippine National Police chief Deputy Director General Hermogenes Ebdane agreed yesterday with President Macapagal-Arroyo and dissolved the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (Naktaf).

In a statement to media, Ebdane, former head of the elite unit, said "all anti-kidnapping for ransom units," including Naktaf, would be dissolved. He said this was "in compliance with the directive of (the President)."

Ebdane had resisted Ms Macapagal's dissolution of the unit, which she announced in her speech at Thursday's rites marking the turnover of the PNP leadership. Naktaf was under the National Anti-Crime Commission, which in turn is under the Office of the President.

In a press conference shortly after the rites, however, Ebdane had said that he wanted to keep Naktaf—a statement that ultimately caused confusion about the unit's status.

In yesterday's statement, Ebdane said it was possible a new anti-kidnapping unit would be created, depending on the outcome of the anti-crime summit on July 9.

In the meantime, Ebdane said, "all investigations of kidnap gangs will continue under the direct supervision of the Chief PNP."

Meanwhile, Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, whom Ms Macapagal just appointed chair of the new Special Task Force against Illegal Drugs and Kidnapping, has ordered police to file charges against the suspected abductors of a two-year-old boy from his city.

But Duterte said the boy's 15-year-old nanny should not be included in the charge sheet because it appears she was not a part of the kidnapping.

The boy was allegedly taken by the cook of the victim's family, Ricky Anacion, who is being hunted by police.

The nanny was arrested, along with three other persons, including Anacion's wife Julieta. But the nanny and Julieta denied any involvement in the plot. ***Anthony S. Allada and Ayan C. Mellejor, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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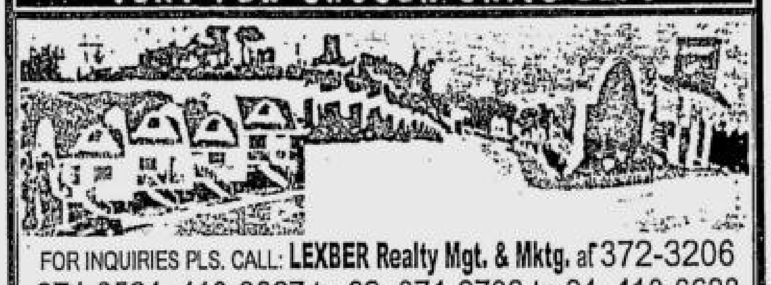

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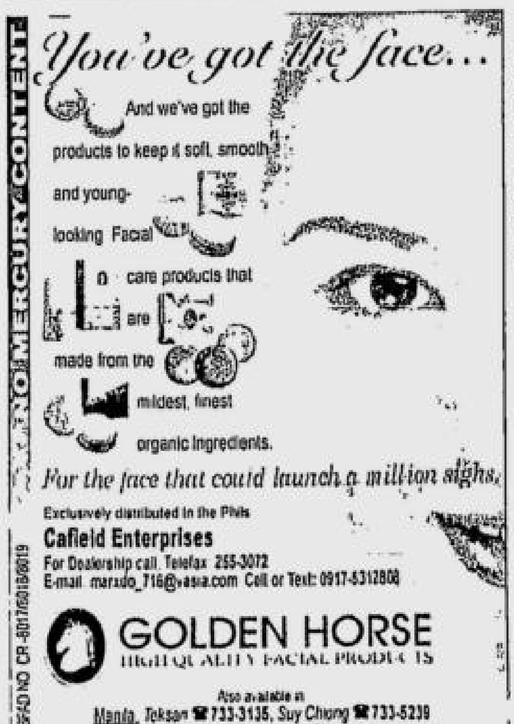

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Old SSS cards would no longer be honored in 2003 when claiming benefits from or conducting business with the state-run pension fund, she said.

De la Paz said the change in membership cards was being made in order to protect SSS members from fraud and to speed up the processing of claims and other transactions. *Agnes E. Donato*

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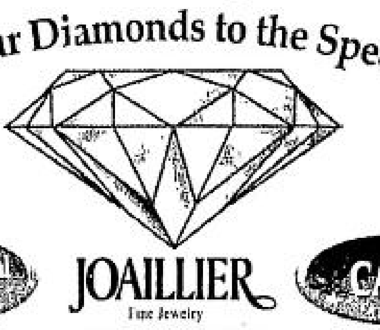

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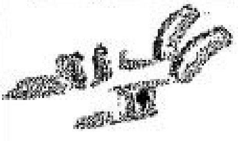

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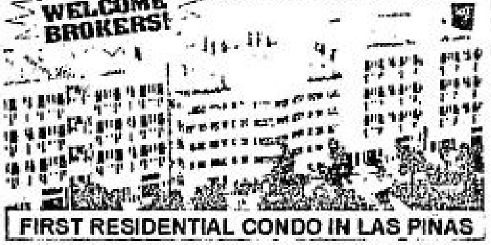

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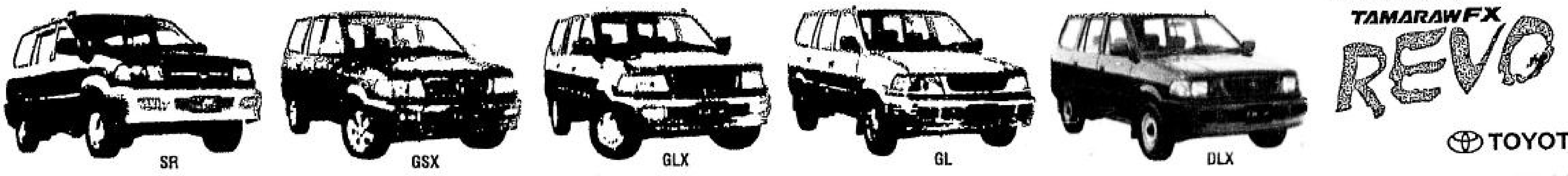

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Flawed IPP deals could make some people rich

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Malacañang's confirmation of onerous and flawed independent power producer (IPP) contracts could diminish the value of many power-generating facilities of the National Power Corp. that the government has primed for privatization.

A top Napocor official confided yesterday to the INQUIRER that the trashing of the IPP contracts that a Palace review committee had deemed "legally and financially tenuous" would allow interest groups in government to sell the state-owned assets quickly at bargain prices.

Most of the IPP contracts under public scrutiny are "rehabilitate-lease-and-manage" contracts involving Napocor power plants.

"Many industry people know the sale of the Napocor assets can make a few (government players) rich on the side," the Napocor official said.

"What was holding the sale up were the IPP contracts that the government had entered into," the source explained. "Without the contracts, these assets are good as sold."

President Macapagal-Arroyo announced this week that 29 of 35 operating IPP contracts were technically and financially problematic. Of the 29, Ms Macapagal zeroed in on five IPP facilities, which she described as flawed deals that might require legal action.

Her announcement had been based on the findings of the Cabinet-level review committee.

Yesterday, Sen. Edgardo Angara called for a full disclosure on the terms and conditions of 22 of these deals that the opposition had consistently labeled as "onerous."

"The Arroyo administration should not (hide) these basic data (from) the people," Angara said in asking for details of the review committee's findings.

Angara said that the government should tell the people what was at the root of high electricity rates, and who were responsible for it.

He said international experts in finance and power issues should be tapped to review the IPP contracts, to ensure a fair and transparent assessment.

With Cynthia Balana

R. Relopez; 81

ROQUE Pampo Relopez died on June 29 at the Chinese General Hospital after suffering cardiac arrest. He was 81.

He is survived by his wife Luciana, children Dolly, Nita, Jim and Malou, Glo and Teody, Carol, Delfin and Mercy, and Cristy, and grandchildren.

His remains lie at the family residence at 2609 Interior 582 Callejon Q, R. Fernandez St., Gagalangin, Tondo, Manila. Interment will be on July 13 at 2 p.m. at Eternal Gardens in Baesa, Quezon City.

Jinggoy brought back to Veterans

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Former San Juan mayor Jinggoy Estrada left the Makati Medical Center yesterday all of seven pounds lighter after seven weeks of, according to one of his attending physicians, "a strict non-oily non-fat" diet.

"Definitely, *hindi siya nagpasarap* (he didn't have a ball)," said Dr. Larry Hocson, of his VIP patient's stay in one of the MMC's most expensive suites.

Belying reports that the latter part of his confinement had been unnecessary and had, in fact, been marked by food-and-drink binges with showbiz pals, the young Estrada came out of the hospital in a wheelchair.

The Sandiganbayan on Friday ordered Jinggoy back to the Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC), where he shared a detention suite with his father, former President Joseph Estrada, his co-accused in a plunder case. The court order said there was no more reason to prolong his stay at the private hospital.

Jinggoy was rushed to the MMC on May 17—the fourth time since detention—after complaining of rectal bleeding, hypertension, and difficulty in breathing.

A police team that included Sandiganbayan court sheriff Ed Urieta braved the downpour and floods and arrived at 4 p.m. at the MMC to escort Estrada back to the VMCC. Hocson said his patient would continue to undergo tests, particularly for his heart condition, at Veterans.

The Sandigan ruling had been precipitated by a "concerned citizen's" complaint calling the court's attention to an INQUIRER report saying Jinggoy had partied with actor Rudy Fernandez and some guests on June 11 at the MMC restaurant.

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2nd Reading: **Rom 8:9, 11-13**

Brothers and sisters, your existence is not in the flesh, but in the spirit, because the Spirit of God is within you. If you did not have the Spirit of Christ, you would not belong to him.

And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is within you, He who raised Jesus Christ from among the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies. Yes, he will do it through his Spirit who dwells within you.

Then, brothers, let us leave the flesh and no longer live according to it. If not, we will die. Rather, walking in the Spirit, let us put to death the body's deeds so that we may live.

Gospel: **Mt 11:25-30**

On one occasion Jesus said, "Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I praise you, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to simple people. Yes, Father, this is what pleased you.

Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you who work hard and who carry heavy burdens. and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart; and you will find rest. For my yoke is good and my burden is light."

Commentary

"God must love the poor more for s/he made so many of them!" This is what one vocation promotion material proclaims as it tries to "sell" the virtue of poverty to prospective applicants to the religious life.

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Raps filed vs Ecleo, followers

SURIGAO CITY—Caraga police have filed eight charges against cult leader Ruben Ecleo Jr. and more than 200 others for the June 19 bloody shootout on Dinagat island in which at least 20 people, including a policeman, were killed.

Supt. Ricky Nerbes, Surigao del Norte police chief, said yesterday that Ecleo, the "supreme master" of the Philippine Benevolent Missionaries Association (PBMA), and his followers have been charged with homicide for the death of PO3 Rogelio Morandante.

Morandante was one of the members of the police team that had gone to Ecleo's beachfront stronghold on Dinagat island to arrest the cult leader, who was charged with killing his wife Alona Bacolod in Cebu.

Ecleo and his White Eagle Troopers were also charged with illegal possession of firearms, direct assault and violation of the election ban on firearms. ***Ma. Kristina Cassion, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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₱1B stock overprice only merits suspension

By Michael Lim Ubac

TOP officials of the Social Security System have been found culpable and ordered suspended by the Ombudsman for approving the irregular purchase of P7.5 billion worth of shares of the Philippine Commercial International Bank (PCIBank) in 1999.

Ombudsman Aniano Desierto also imposed another six-month suspension on the SSS officials, on top of an earlier preventive suspension.

But it would appear that this is the extent of the punishment for the three as the criminal complaint for graft filed against them and other SSS officials implicated in the irregular deal has been dismissed for "want of probable cause".

Desierto said the second suspension was the penalty for approving the questionable deal, and was different from the first "because it is a penalty rather than a measure to prevent respondents from influencing the investigation."

Suspended were Horacio Templo, SSS chief actuary and executive vice president; Edgar Solilapsi, senior vice president for investment, and Lilia Marquez, institutional loans department head.

Ombudsman probers found the three liable for the irregular purchase of PCIBank shares of stock which the SSS bought in May 1999, which were found to have been overpriced by P1.1 billion.

The three had failed to conduct "diligent study, research or analysis before effecting the purchase of the PCIBank shares," the investigators said.

Desierto said he did not impose a higher penalty because the three were found guilty only for an administrative infraction.

Last September, Desierto also suspended for six months seven other ranking SSS officials—Amador Monteiro, senior vice president for legal and collection, and SSS commissioners Rafael Estrada, Miguel Varela, Marianita Mendoza, Juan Tan, Raul Incocentes and Aurora Arnaez.

They have been charged with graft, grave misconduct and conduct grossly prejudicial to the best interest of the service.

Computer school gives blind student a chance

By Donna S. Cueto

A COMPUTER school has taken in one of the seven blind students who were denied admission by the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

Aideline Versoza, 18, who dreams of becoming an accountant or a computer whiz, is studying at the STI computer school's Lerma campus, which has been accepting blind students for computer courses.

STI's Project ATTRAC took Versoza in as a "full scholar" on July 1.

PUP had decided to defer the entry of the blind scholars until the next school year.

PUP officials said they would devote this year to preparing for the entry of the visually impaired students, by training teachers and buying the necessary equipment.

The seven are scholars of President Macapagal-Arroyo. Aside from Versoza, they are Rene Albao, 24; Andrea Adremesin, 19; Joel Rescobar, 18; Jessel Rivera, Bienalyn Villanueva and Charina Zuniga.

Yesterday, the STI Foundation for Leadership in Information Technology and Education (FLITE), the corporate social responsibility arm of STI, said it was willing to help the other blind scholars.

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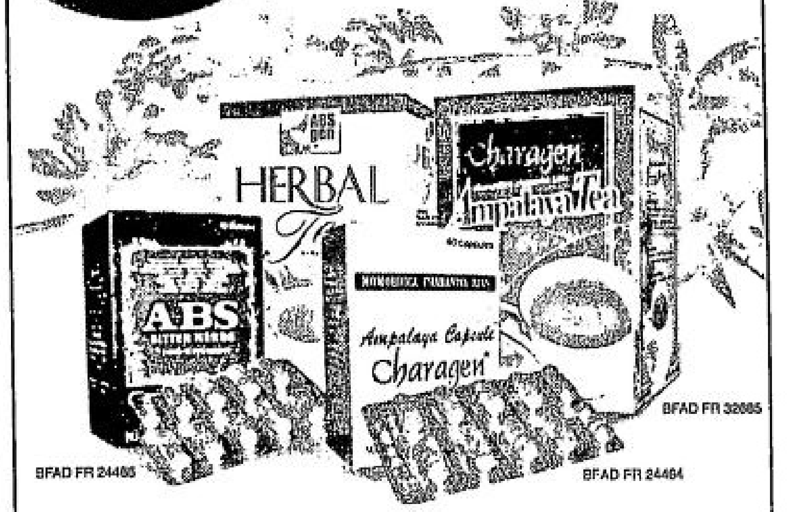

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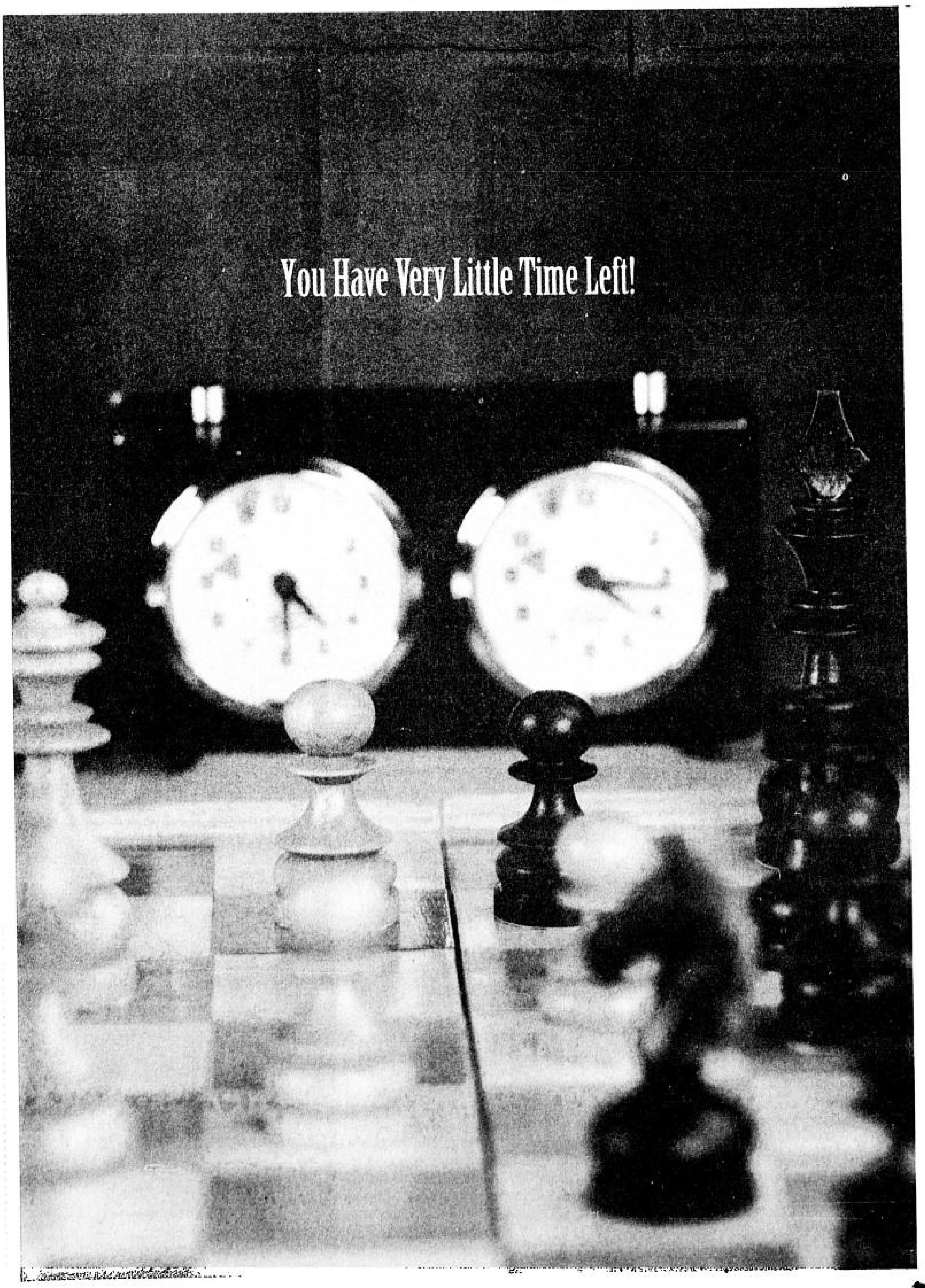

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Defective contracts

EDITORIAL

THE NEWS that only six of the 35 remaining independent power producer (IPP) contracts are "without legal or financial issues" only confirms the public's dark fears: that contracts responsible for the third costliest electricity rates in Asia must have been terribly flawed.

The confirmation is more intuitive than analytical, which is why the nuances that Malacañang carefully included in the announcement of the inter-agency review committee's findings last Thursday—that 11 contracts passed but had "remedial financial issues," that another 11 contracts had "some financial issues that may require renegotiation," that two had "remedial policy issues" and that only five were outright defective both legally and financially—fell on deaf ears.

For a public aggrieved by high power rates, the news is all of a piece. Now the only question is: Will the committee's findings result in lower electricity costs?

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, who chaired the committee, said a renegotiation of 27 of the contracts should lead to "significant savings," which in turn should lower the cost of electricity. In a speech before the Philippine Marketing Association, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo upped the ante, saying "we might be able to find room for some more centavo decreases" through renegotiation.

It is politically very tempting for the President to "triangulate" (to borrow a strategy favored by her Georgetown classmate, former US President Bill Clinton) against the IPPs, to turn them into a convenient political target. Some of them, as Camacho himself had pointed out, have already "realized windfall profits." The other day, administration Sen. Manuel Villar gave a preview of how triangulation would work, calling the IPPs "economic leeches that have lived off the sweat and blood of Filipinos." But such a short-term strategy comes with a long-term economic cost: loss of investor confidence in a country that demonizes investors when it needs scapegoats.

There is no question that some of the IPPs abused the confidence that an energy-short administration reposed in them—obviously with the help of government officials. But to cast every single one in diabolical terms is plain bad policy.

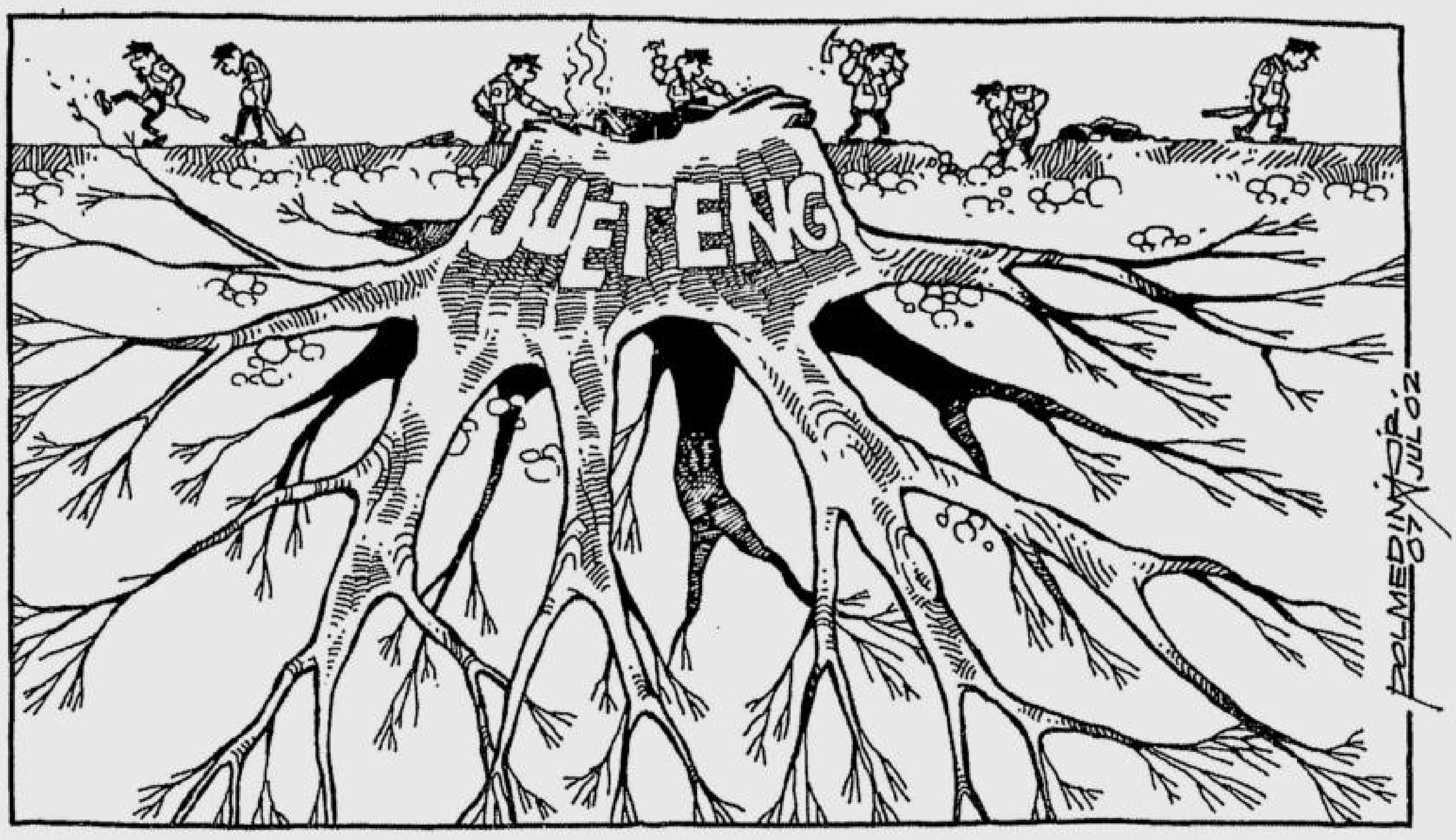
The President phrased the issue succinctly: "It is the overall objective of our administration to reduce the cost of electricity for the consumer, while respecting valid commercial contracts and the rule of law."

The operative word is "valid." The inter-agency committee, whose mandate to review comes from the Electric Power Industry Restructuring Act of 2001, used legal and financial criteria to determine the validity of the contracts. The other day, the Freedom from Debt Coalition made a sensible suggestion that the government include operational criteria as well. That is, the government should also conduct an operational review, to see whether the power plants are actually operating.

Consider the case of the Ambuklao hydroelectric plant, the contract of which was one of the six that passed muster. According to the Napocor Second Generation Company, the plant has not been operational for almost four years, because the National Power Corp. terminated a rehabilitation contract with the Meralco Industrial and Electrical Systems Corp.

The President has given the Department of Energy, the Department of Justice and the Public Sector Assets and Liabilities Management company three months to take action and "come up with results." It might be more reasonable to expect the struggle to renegotiate the contracts and lower electricity costs to last much longer. It isn't only because the IPPs would put up a "big fight," as Sen. Ralph Recto has said. It is also because the Macapagal administration will take a hit, once it begins the inevitable prosecution of Ramos administration officials involved in any IPP scam.

In a crisis that is clearly not of her own making, the President deserves unequivocal public support for her plan to lower power rates while preserving investor confidence.



Desistance and retraction

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THERE was a report sometime ago of a matron who shot a nurse in what was clearly an open-and-shut case of homicide or even murder. The killing was done inside the woman's car, where she callously left the victim to bleed to death. The driver, who had witnessed the incident, took the victim to a hospital, but not in his employer's car. She was dead on arrival in a tricycle.

The public was shocked, especially because the alleged killer came from a prominent and wealthy family. At the time of the incident, she was supposedly on a jealous hunt for her partner's inamorata and found the nurse, whom she took to her car for questioning. The woman was probably asking the nurse about the object of her anger and, in a fit of rage, vented it on the poor victim.

The report added that the driver was willing to testify against his employer as the unfortunate nurse's killer. Many expected that the woman would be justly called to account for her heartless act. Not unreasonably, they hoped the law would take its full course despite her social position and supposed relative immunity.

Surprisingly, however, the case was abruptly terminated. According to the papers, the investigation had been closed and no criminal charge would be filed against the woman. The reason was the desistance of the victim's family. The driver had also recanted and would no longer testify against his employer. The prosecutor probably felt that without any witness, he could not convict the woman of even jaywalking.

Many provable criminal cases are usually dismissed because of extra-judicial settlement. Affidavits of desistance are filed by the complainant and erstwhile prosecution witnesses conveniently reject their original statements under oath. Most courts are only too willing to consider the case closed. Many judges do not even take the trouble of investigating the *volte face* and simply welcome it for lightening their work.

It is an open secret that most of such withdrawals are made for valuable consideration. The complainants simply say they are no longer interested in pursuing the case and the retracting witnesses usually plead errors of memory or reproof of conscience. For both the complainant and the witnesses, the real reason is usually money.

The dropping of the case almost always follows when the accused offers the victim or his family a sum of money they will find hard to refuse. The wrong done is an accomplished fact, anyway, and can only be undone by just compensation. The witnesses have no similar compunctions and can easily forget their recollections in exchange for hard cash. No checks. That way everybody is happy, including the judge.

The original witnesses in the Kuratong Baleleng case were forthright and angry in denouncing the killing of the gang members as a rub-out and not a shoot-out. They vowed they would never change their statement come what may. Eventually, however, they did, one by one swearing they were no longer sure of their earlier accusations. Those accusations were also under oath and more reliable because they were closer in time to the incident in question.

In a criminal case, the offended party is the People of the Philippines. We are the plaintiffs because it is our laws and our interests that we claim have been violated. The accused has disobeyed the State by ignoring its commands and so is validly impleaded by us, the People. The person directly injured because of such infraction is, legally speaking, only the complaining witness.

By refusing to testify against the accused, the victim (or his heirs) allies himself with the accused and against the People. So do the witnesses who have been dissuaded, usually with money, from testifying against him. By such confabulation, the administration of criminal justice is corrupted and many criminals go free. It is we, the People, who are defeated in our effort to prosecute and punish crime.

Condemnable in every way, this form of criminal evasion is even more repugnant because it is available only to the wealthy. The rich can buy their way out of prison by buying their accusers' testimony. The poor cannot do this because they have no means to silence the complainants and their witnesses. Fortunately, this is not always true. Many wealthy wrongdoers have been convicted because their accusers have not wavered or—it must be added in fairness—were not even bribed to desist or retract.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly declared that affidavits of desistance or retraction cannot deprive it of its jurisdiction to examine the truth of the People's charges, especially so because such affidavits are highly unreliable. That may be so but that task is easier said than done because the high tribunal is not a trial court. Trial courts can act only on the evidence presented and cannot act at all when there is no such evidence.

Regrettably, prosecutions for perjury are rarely filed and seldom successful in our country. This may reflect our people's lack of respect for the sanctity of the oath, which is regarded as sacrosanct in other jurisdictions. Our politicians and witnesses in court proceedings lie under oath frequently, brazenly and unrepentantly, often without accountability. By contrast, Lincoln described his presidential oath as "registered in Heaven."

Humble, meek and mild

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

IN NOVEMBER 1983, I received a letter from our superior general in Rome asking me to be one of the pioneering members of the SVD Founding Team in South Korea. He told me to pray over it and give him my answer in one month.

You can imagine how difficult and long that month was. I was torn between "go" and "no." It was a worthy challenge I wanted to respond to, but honestly, I did not want to leave "familiar shores."

One night, while unburdening my predicament with a couple in Urdaneta, Pangasinan, we were constantly interrupted by their 6-year-old son, so I gave him a piece of paper and pencil to write or draw something. After some time, the child walked up to me and proudly showed his drawing. Unable to figure it out, I asked him what it was? Straight to my face, he said: "Father Jerry, that's a flag—the flag of Korea!"

That very moment, I saw the light. All the deliberations, all the struggle, all the burdens vanished. God had spoken through a little child.

That night I made my decision. The next morning, I sent my letter telling my superior that I was going to Korea.

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 11, 25-30), Jesus reminds us to be childlike, to be meek and humble of heart. Those who claim or think they are wise and learned would do well to listen to this. Look at our lives, and the decisions we make. If only we were less proud and more humble, if only we were less complicated and simpler, we would have more meaningful and joyful lives.

Right now, is there any burden that is pressing on you? Is there any problem, any person, any situation that is bothering you? You have tried everything, right? Try humility. It is the key. You'll be amazed how things fall into place, and how you yourself fall into your proper place if you have humility.

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I was privileged to have dinner with the President at Malacañang last July 3. It was quite an experience to listen to the President's views and plans for our country and our people. I was equally amazed at the knowledge and wisdom of the other columnists at the table, and I made sure I really listened to every single one of them. I left Malacañang that night feeling that I have learned a lot.

We are not wanting in bright and brilliant ideas and plans for our country. I suppose goodwill is not lacking either. But how come 32 million (40 percent) of 80 million Filipinos are poor and live below the poverty line? How come our people continue to labor and are heavily burdened?

These were the questions in my mind as I started my car and drove out into the reality outside that rainy night.

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I visited a very sick person last Wednesday. It was a very touching moment not only for the patient but for his family as well, especially when I asked them to be humble and ask for forgiveness from one another. Amid hugs and tears, the walls that separated them all these years just melted away in that one moment of peace and reconciliation. Praise God who made it all possible.

But, *sayang*. Why do we have to wait for the "last two minutes" before we break the walls that divide us and really reach out in humility and love? Please don't wait for sickness or death to come before you visit or reach out.

Are you carrying that heavy and unnecessary burden in your heart called pride? Put it down. How? You can put down a heavy burden only by bending and stooping down. Try humility. It works wonders!

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Have you ever experienced stepping into a crowded elevator full of strangers staring at you because you just triggered the overload sensor? It is an embarrassing experience, but all you have to do is step out to save face, right?

In life, too, we must not cause extra burdens on other people.

Do you make life difficult for other people? Are you the one who causes hurts, problems and stress to other people, especially your loved ones? *Ikaw ba ang pampabigat sa buhay nila?* Please have the courtesy and the humility of stepping out, so that they can go on with their lives. Do not unnecessarily burden them. They, too, have their share of life's burdens.

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Learn from the animals. The cows bend their knees before they lie down to sleep. The ants always take time to stop, greet and give way whenever they meet. Why can't we be humble before God, and why can't we live lives that are humble and meek?

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I have often been asked where I say Mass regularly. As part of my work, I move around to spread mission awareness all over the country, but I have a regular 10 a.m. Mass at Christ the King Seminary (101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City) every Sunday. I also do the 7 a.m. TV Mass on Channel 2 every second Sunday of the month. I also do "Hello Father" over Radio Veritas (846 AM Band) every Monday at 10 p.m.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, remind me that I am Your child, and help me remain humble, meek and mild. Amen.

Women find voice in Afghan radio station

FEATURE

Denise Duclaux

JABAL-US-SARAJ, Afghanistan—Zakia Zaki broadcasts a message of stability and equality to Afghanistan, but, as director of a radio station that is breaking the mold, she knows she needs time and lots of it to get it across.

"In my point of view, it will take a while," said Zaki, a proud woman with a bright smile who runs the Voice of Peace station with her husband Abdul Ahad in the bustling town of Jabal-us-Saraj, 70 kilometers north of Kabul.

The station, in a house nestled on a lush hilltop, broadcasts its call for women's rights and an independent and stable Afghanistan four hours a day to a potential audience of 200,000 listeners within a 10-km radius. Four of its six reporters are women, a novelty in a country that is shedding the laws of the fundamentalist Taliban that forbade women from holding jobs or going to school and is now trying to break the devastating grip of two decades of war. A sign bearing the station's name, as well as a sketch of a flying dove and a woman with flowing hair and open mouth, welcomes visitors to what bills itself as Afghanistan's only independent radio station.

"There is no station before that talked about the rights of women and the freedom of Afghanistan," said Hiader, an engineer at the station. "This is the only one."

Hiader is not the only champion of the tiny station, which emerged in October after the United States began a fierce bombing campaign to topple the Islamic Taliban for harboring Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network of Muslim militants. The US military, eager for a voice that will help lead Afghanistan down a brighter path, has taken the station under its wing. "We would be remiss if we didn't try to help," said a US captain named Bob, a member of the military "psy-ops"

(psychological operations) team who can be identified only by his first name. "It's cutting edge in Afghanistan in terms of programs."

Zaki and Ahad, the husband-and-wife team who run Voice of Peace, set up shop in their hometown of Jabal-us-Saraj, the power base of the Tajik-dominated Northern Alliance in the Panjsher Valley during the Taliban's five-year rule.

Shortly before he was killed last September by two men posing as Arab journalists, the Northern Alliance's fabled leader Ahmed Shah Massoud won the support of a French aid organization to set up an independent radio station for Afghanistan.

Zaki said Massoud, a heroic figure whose picture hangs along dirt roads and in village shops across much of the country, was a firm believer in women's rights and an Afghanistan free of Taliban rule. "I didn't know him very well, but I know he was the best champion," said Zaki, who began the station after Massoud's death. "He fought against the enemy."

The station broadcasts two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon from a single, tidy room in the house. One light bulb dangles from the ceiling and a picture of Massoud hangs above a desk crowded with radio gear.

The schedule includes recitations of the Koran and words of the Prophet Mohammed, a rundown of children's aid programs in the area, a call for women's rights, news and a selection of Afghan and foreign music from the region and beyond.

Rows of cassettes from singers and musicians spanning the globe line a shelf. A sign reading "Please, Keep Silence!" warns visitors to stay mum during a broadcast.

Zaki said the station receives up to 30 letters a day from men and women writing about their villages' need for running water and electricity, their opinion on women's rights, the poor quality of the station's signal and their requests for music.

The support of villagers is not enough to keep the station afloat in a country where advertising is almost non-existent. The station struggles to scrape together enough cash to pay salaries, run the generator, purchase new cassettes, pay the rent, fix old equipment and expand its reach to 20 km.

"We are going to have challenges," Zaki said.

The station has found a key ally in the US military, which began bombing Afghanistan in October after the Sept. 11 hijacked airliner attacks on American cities, blamed on Bin Laden's al-Qaida.

Baba Jan, an Afghan warlord who controls a patch of land by Bagram Air Base, the command post for US-led coalition forces in Afghanistan, introduced the psy-ops team to the station. The team, which helps disperse military-approved information throughout Afghanistan, decided to use Voice of Peace to help get its message across.

The team has been bringing music cassettes as well as messages that reinforce the idea of a new, democratic Afghanistan after 23 years of war among forces that fought first against Soviet occupiers, then against each other and the Taliban. Recent messages from US forces described the process of the Loya Jirga, the gathering this month of about 1,600 delegates who helped chart a new political future for Afghanistan, and detailed the assembly's outcome. The team is also wooing aid organizations that could inject much-needed cash.

"By helping them, it's another way for us to get home sooner," said Bob, the psy-ops captain.

Reuters

GMA up close

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

LJM our editor in chief wanted questions that sought "the big picture." Well, I said, population and family planning is certainly part of the big picture and people know it's been a bee in my bonnet for many years.

More so during this administration which seems bent on dismantling the infrastructure rebuilt by both the Ramos and Erap administrations after years in the doldrums under Tita Cory. And so during the dinner that the President would host for the INQUIRER at our offices, what I wanted to ask her was: In what direction does she want to take the government's population policy and family planning program? From her reply, it seems she wants to push it to oblivion.

"The Constitution says it is the right of every couple to determine the size of their family and the number of their children," the President began. "And in line with this, our policy has always been to respect the right of every couple to make decisions for themselves and choose their preferred method of family planning."

But what of reports that in the course of "mainstreaming" natural family planning, a cornerstone of Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit's family planning policy, the Department of Health is in fact taking money away from the promotion and provision of other more effective methods of family planning?

Well, said the President, if money is now being channeled toward the promotion of NFP, it's because "no money was used previously to promote natural family planning," while the other methods have long been promoted vigorously. But the entire family planning program is in peril, I pointed out, with the US government's planned withdrawal of funding for contraceptive supplies. (Over the decades, in the face of the reluctance of legislators to allocate funds for contraceptives in the budget, the Philippine government has come to depend almost fully on the American government, through USAID, for our contraceptive supplies.) Once funding is completely cut off, would her administration step in and allocate funds for family planning?

"No," the President said matter-of-factly. Then who should step in to make up for the lack of contraceptives? "NGOs!" she swiftly replied, indicating she wanted to move on to other topics.

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WHAT the President didn't say, but implicit in her statements, is that her aim in fact is to dismantle the family planning machinery and scuttle the program built up over more than three decades.

Without contraceptives, after all, there would be no family planning program, no matter how much Secretary Dayrit touts the effectiveness of NFP.

I don't know if the President is aware that NGOs account for less than one percent of family planning services. The vast majority of Filipino couples still rely on government-run health centers for family planning counseling, services and supplies—as they do for most other health needs. Why expect NGOs, already strapped for funding and hard put to meet the demand for their services, to step in and do what the government refuses to do? And how could the President, who prides herself in being a "pragmatic" economist, not see the connection between population growth and development obstacles? Surely, she is aware that without a reliable supply of contraceptives, and access to quality reproductive health services, Filipino couples will end up having more children than they themselves planned or desire. Ms President, it is one thing to mouth the Constitution and hark to the couples' right to choose; it is quite another thing to bring that principle to life by giving couples and women the power to actualize the choices they make for themselves and their children.

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IT isn't every day that the President drops by our offices, and so the night of the dinner, our rather plain multi-purpose room, usually furnished with plastic monobloc chairs and tables, was transformed into an elegant restaurant with an autumnal color scheme.

Margarita Fores and her Cibo team covered the tables with linen tablecloths layered over with brightly patterned cotton sheets in rust, orange and yellow. Floral arrangements, tucked into dark wooden trays, held blossoms in similar colors, while candles glowed inside amber glasses. Scattered about were tiny pale brown longans, accentuating the "harvest" theme. Our dinky plastic chairs were replaced with elegant wooden X-backs with upholstered seats.

With the President at the dinner were members of her Cabinet, including Finance Secretary Lito Camacho, Acting Press Secretary Yoyong Afable, National Security Adviser Roilo Golez, media (and church affairs) adviser Dodie Limcaoco, and Executive Secretary Bert Romulo, looking extraordinarily fit and fully recuperated from his heart bypass.

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JUST before dinner began, in walked First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, looking a little grumpy though it was later explained that he wasn't feeling well.

Over glasses of wine and cups of coffee, the President took questions gamely, only rarely requesting an "off-the-record." Close-hand, she was visibly more relaxed and much more accessible, even charming. Gamely, she traded barbs and jokes, retorting, whenever someone brought up the matter of popular "perception," "because of what they read in the front page of the INQUIRER!"

At the end of the dinner, INQUIRER Chair Marixi Prieto and president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez presented the President with a blown-up photo of the First Couple walking hand-in-hand on a beach in Tubbhataha, silhouetted against the setting sun. It had taken four hours from the time cocktails were served to the moment the last question was answered.

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Is this our foreign policy?

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

SHE clashed with her foreign secretary, Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., on the basic issue of American troops in Mindanao. Because of this, she said, she was accepting his resignation. Everyone knows she was really sacking him, and in a rather shabby way, too.

The other day, asserting her role as "chief architect" of the nation's foreign policy, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo gave the public an idea of how she sees Philippine interests projected in an evolving world environment. Eight "realities," she said, will guide her in the shaping of our foreign policy.

These are: "(1) the paramount influence of China, Japan and the United States in security and the economic evolution of East Asia; (2) the growing role of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) in global affairs; (3) the role of the international Islamic community; (4) the looming importance of international organizations; (5) the protection of our environment, natural resources and maritime territory; (6) the drive for direct foreign investments will include Europe as a major source, along with the United States, Japan, China, and Asean; (7) the importance of international tourism; (8) the crucial role of overseas Filipinos in our socioeconomic stability."

A quick look at this list will show that the President has confused aspects of the international environment with national strategic goals. These are two different sets of statements. The first four items are observations about the international environment with possible implications for national affairs. But the last four items are not so much "realities" as they are objectives with foreign policy implications. They are not givens, but choices we make as a nation.

The President said she would be guided by these "realities." Yet these are not self-evident realities. Their meaning is ultimately a function of the strategic goals to which we commit ourselves as a people. For example, what does it mean for us to recognize "the role of the international Islamic community"? Or the "paramount influence of China, Japan and the United States in security and the economic evolution of East Asia"? What kind of decisions do these "realities" prepare us for? These are either banal statements masquerading as foreign policy, or they are meant to justify and naturalize policy commitments already made. I am inclined to think it is the latter.

"I shall make sure," the President stated in this first-ever enunciation of her foreign policy, "that we strengthen the international linkages that will enable us to fight terrorism and uphold the law everywhere. I am placing foreign policy at the service of our fight against homegrown terrorism and criminality and lawlessness."

This is a very revealing statement. No country today other than the United States has dared define the international contours and requirements of the campaign against terrorism. No, not even the United Nations. If there is still any doubt that we intend to follow America wherever it will take us in its crusade against terrorism, this statement by President Macapagal ends it.

If America asks for an extension of its stay in Mindanao under the framework of the Visiting Forces Agreement beyond the date (July) originally agreed upon, that request is as good as granted. If America insists on a broader framework of cooperation under a proposed Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA), it will get it. Assured that most Filipinos welcome the revival of US military presence in the Philippines, President Macapagal has removed the issue from the realm of public debate. She will be remembered as the President who single-handedly brought American troops back into the country and returned Philippine foreign policy to its colonial beginnings.

All for what? No doubt in exchange for some material and financial assistance, but more importantly, for a measure of international support against any attempt to unseat the present government by a non-electoral route, and a tacit endorsement of a reelection bid in 2004.

These developments bring us back to square one in our long and troubled relationship with America. That relationship, which our previous leaders had characterized as "special," brought upon our society the curse of dependency that prevented us from taking the serious path of nationhood. The special favors the United States gave to our elite in the early years of independence stunted our economy and compromised the very nature of that independence. America had no interest in seeing us evolve into a free and sovereign nation. The American bases were the sum total of its interests in our country.

We went through a wrenching experience when they finally withdrew in 1991, and we surprised ourselves by our ability to live without American aid. We learned to navigate our way in the world without an American map. We learned to take foreign policy initiatives without prior clearance from Uncle Sam. This gave us enormous confidence in ourselves. But the global war against terrorism that America is directing is changing all that.

The path of dependency beckons once again, more so because we feel lost with the kind of leaders we have. It's been only 10 years since American soldiers left Angeles and Olongapo. Today we realize we are not completely weaned from the habit that is America. Do we really want to go back to that old addiction? Let us at least debate the proposition.

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Sex online

COMMENTARY

Belinda A. Aquino

HONOLULU—Pedophilia and other forms of predatory sexual behavior are not the monopoly of the priestly caste. It's a national epidemic. It's all over on the Great Internet.

Disgusting, isn't it? And always the victims are the innocents in today's society.

A 2000 study with a sample of 1,057, ages 10 to 17, by the Crimes Against Children Research Center reveals the following national picture:

About one in five received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet. One in 33 received an aggressive sexual solicitation by someone who asked to meet them somewhere, called on the telephone, or sent them regular mail, money or gifts. If you were a kid, you'd probably think this is a godsend from some kindhearted donor.

One in four had an unwanted exposure to pictures of naked people or people having sex. One in 17 was threatened or harassed. Only one-fourth of the young respondents who received a sexual solicitation told a parent. But 40 percent of those receiving an unwanted exposure to sexual acts told a parent.

Less than 10 percent of sexual solicitations and a small 3 percent of those receiving unwanted exposures reported to a law-enforcement agency, a hotline or an Internet service provider. In households with Internet access, only one-third had filtering or blocking software on the computer.

Data in Hawaii about youth Internet encounters are not yet available on a systematic basis, but individual stories abound. In his latest article in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, reporter Rod Antone, who talked to police authorities, says too many teenagers are logging on to the Internet, willingly or unwillingly, hooking up with adult predators. "Whether they are looking for sex, companionship, or an escape from boredom, these children are courting disaster," Antone notes. A police detective adds, "Those kids are getting online and they don't think they're going to get hurt."

In fact they are. A teenage girl in Liliha district was recently assaulted by a man in his mid-20s whom she met in a chatroom. The suspect has fled the island. On Kauai alone, one of the most beautiful islands in Hawaii called "the Garden Isle," there have been four cases of teenage girls leaving to meet guys they contacted on the Internet. Two of them flew to San Diego to meet someone who sent them the money for their airline tickets. The police indicated that one of the girls just wanted to get away from Kauai, and the other girl followed. Thanks to fast police action, the suspect, a 22-year-old male, was arrested at the San Diego airport and the two girls were put on the next plane back to Kauai.

Two other girls from Kauai also left to meet someone they had "met" on the Internet but didn't get far. Their parents reported them missing at once, and by the time the girls got to Honolulu, the police were waiting. Back to Kauai!

The "epidemic" seems to be happening mostly on Kauai. A 34-year-old male, Michael Solis Cabrera, has been charged with enticing a 13-year-old girl to his hotel room and videotaping their sexual encounters. They had "met" in a chatroom and had sex six times in May. The innocents seem to be unaware of impending tragedy.

"We still talk to strangers here because we're a small town," a youth outreach program director told Antone. "Some of these kids maybe aren't streetwise, and therefore are more susceptible to get sucked in by these predators."

Lest we draw unsavory conclusions about small towns, the program director said the problem is not specific to Kauai. "Kids look for things to do...they can get bored to death here or in the middle of Manhattan."

Some of these kids are as young as 13 and 14. One girl from Maui displayed her picture on the Internet, gave only her first name and described herself as "single and looking." She listed her occupation as "anything you want me to be."

In another case, three girls advertised themselves as "prostitutes" with a phone number to call. One couldn't have thought of a dumber thing to do! Naturally the police sent undercover agents to their hotel and the girls were all arrested and charged with prostitution.

Sex online is more than a police problem. In fact, it should not be treated solely as a police problem. It's a problem of society as a whole. Victims of Internet sexual exploitation come from all walks of life. Parents have the major responsibility to "police" their children and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has set up a website instructing parents to observe some rules. Some of the most important rules are:

(1) Talk to children about never meeting an online acquaintance face-to-face.

(2) do not respond to offensive or dangerous e-mail, chat or other communication.

(3) If you suspect online "stalking" or sexual exploitation of a child, report it to your local enforcement agency.

(4) Internet accounts should be in the parents' name with parents controlling the passwords, blocking and filtering devices.

(5) Let your children show you what they know online and visit their favorite sites or chatrooms.

I'm sure children will find a way to get around their parents' rules. The sad thing is that in modern society, both parents are working, leaving children alone for long hours. Instead of doing their homework, they're doing monkey business on the Internet. Some parents struggle to exercise supervision, like limiting their kids to two hours on the computer a day. A 14-year- old girl used to "flirt" on the computer all the time. Now at 18, reports Antone, she says she doesn't chat online with strangers anymore. "I realized that it was stupid and there are better ways to meet people."

The Internet was a boon to communication and technology when it was invented. But like all boons to civilization, over time, it has also become a bane. How to tame it, like institutions in society that soon get out of control, so that it can be used responsively and positively is the great challenge of the cyberfuture.

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TALK of the TOWN

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What drives Filipinos to migrate?

AN INQUIRER report that 19 percent of Filipinos see no hope in the country and want to migrate drew a negative reaction from President Macapagal-Arroyo.

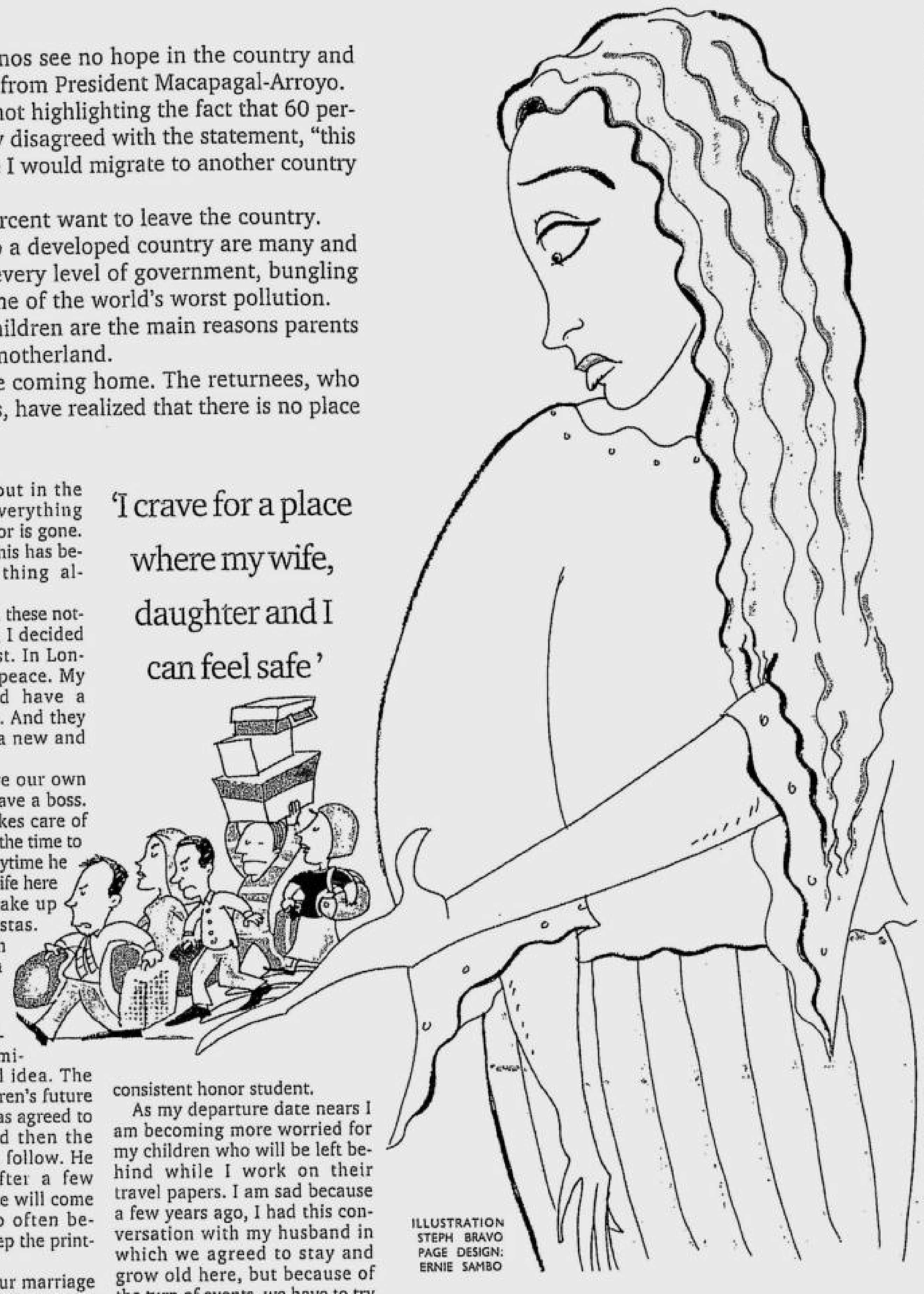
She called the INQUIRER a "false prophet" for not highlighting the fact that 60 percent of the respondents of an Asia Pulse survey disagreed with the statement, "this country is hopeless and if it were only possible I would migrate to another country and live there."

Among the middle and upper classes, 31 percent want to leave the country.

The factors that push Filipinos to migrate to a developed country are many and include rampant urban crime, corruption at every level of government, bungling political leaders, joblessness, poverty and some of the world's worst pollution.

A better future and a safer place for their children are the main reasons parents cite when asked why they want to leave the motherland.

While many are leaving, a few migrants are coming home. The returnees, who lived in a culture not their own for many years, have realized that there is no place like the land of their birth.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'My kids can have a brighter future in London'

By Josephine Rodriguez
Engineer and nurse

I FINISHED civil engineering and so did my husband. But as early as the 1990s I already knew I wanted to leave. I'm not really a very nationalistic person.

I took up nursing eventually because it would make it easier for me to go abroad. Opportunity knocks only once, but in my case I had to pass up many opportunities because my husband said that the kids were still too young to be left behind or to be relocated. I agreed. Besides, our business was doing well and it was able to sustain us.

Leaving or working outside the country is a very tough decision especially when your primary concern is your family. Ten years ago, we could have left for Canada when our papers were approved but my husband was so engrossed in our business and with the civic organizations he was involved in. So, we opted to pass it up. I went on with my practice as a nurse in a very reputable hospital in Makati.

Burglary

What really made me decide to finally leave is the deteriorating peace and order situation in the country. Two years ago, our car was taken by kidnappers and never found. About a month ago, our office was broken into and all our printing equipment carted off. Nothing was left behind. I got scared that the next victim would be my family.

Next time, they might kill us. On separate occasions, two of our neighbors were robbed and killed a couple of months ago.

Imagine, you work day in and day out, do honest-to-goodness work and try to save money for the rainy days, but in the wink of an eye everything you've worked hard for is gone. Here in our country this has become an ordinary thing already.

After going through these not-so-good experiences, I decided that leaving was best. In London, we can live in peace. My kids can study and have a brighter future there. And they can have a taste of a new and secure life.

Sure, here we have our own business. We don't have a boss. My husband, who takes care of the printing shop, has the time to go out with friends anytime he likes. But the pace of life here is so slow. People wake up late, take long siestas. There's just so much time wasted. I prefer a fuller day.

Security

My husband has finally agreed that migrating is not a bad idea. The security of our children's future comes first and he has agreed to let me go first, and then the children and he can follow. He plans to follow after a few months but insists he will come back here every so often because he will still keep the printing shop open.

We believe that our marriage will work even with the arrangement. It's something we have to do. And the children will stay with me so I can take care of their needs.

My kids are excited to leave. So am I. I waited until they were of age. My daughter is 14 and my son 11, and I know that I have inculcated in them a sense of religiosity, a good moral and spiritual foundation, which I strongly believe will be of great help to them while we're apart. The faster pace of life required by the nursing job waiting for me in London will not be a major factor in their adjustment since they're old enough. They're bright. My daughter has been a consistent honor student.

As my departure date nears I am becoming more worried for my children who will be left behind while I work on their travel papers. I am sad because a few years ago, I had this conversation with my husband in which we agreed to stay and grow old here, but because of the turn of events, we have to try our luck elsewhere.

(Cynthia Allanigue)

'I leave with my spirit broken'

By Teddy Lopez
Advertising executive

'I crave for a place where my wife, daughter and I can feel safe'

WE ARE a very tolerant people. Centuries of exploitation and hardship have steeled our minds and bodies to endure the sufferings and tribulations that come our way. We respond to these situations with a mix of humor and resignation. An acceptance of things in the belief that God will make things right. *Bahala na, ika nga.*

Well, this trait that is seen by many as a blessing is like the proverbial albatross hanging around our necks. It has led us to this mess we find ourselves in, and, mind you, we are sinking deeper in the muck. We can tolerate anything. We accept clowns, goons, incompetents and neurotics masquerading as the leaders of this country and our local communities. These politicians inflict on us their antics that serve no one but themselves and the powerful interests they are beholden to.

A cabal, whose main preoccupation is the preservation of this social system and its perpetuation in power, is leading us around in circles.

We have tolerated our alienation from these systems for just as long and have accepted this as the scheme of things. Otherwise we would have had an honest-to-goodness revolution and not a mere rotation of power from among the same class that continues to run amuck with the greed that impoverishes all of us.

Two Edsa (people power revolts), the last benefiting a born politician who seems bent on campaigning rather than confronting the real issues of the day, have not brought us out of this rut. We are back to where we started. Circles *nga, 'di ba?*

The exploitation and alienation to the land of thousands of peasant folk hardly merits a second look after our initial wails of concern. The cry "land to the tiller" is now a cliché to most of us. We merely shrug and adjust to the sight of unemployed workers queuing for jobs here and abroad while we let out a sigh of relief that it is not us lining up for jobs. We even curse them for daring to ask for a just share in their produce.

Corruption is no longer a cause for shame. It is now an accepted lifestyle. Honesty is akin to idiocy, while the dishonest are praised for their being "*maabilidad.*" Far from being ostracized, they are even regarded as the success stories we should look up to. Cheating therefore has become the norm. Making "*palusot*" is a virtue.

We admire people who are able to squeeze themselves out of a tight fix. For example, scampering like rats in "Unloading Only" zones when the traffic aide isn't looking or line jumping in the various queues that dot urban life. We even tolerate the mulcters who masquerade as law enforcers and traffic aides.

Damning buzzwords

We accept mediocrity, which is why we will never be able to outdo ourselves. We hardly complain when faced with bureaucratic red tape. Our schools don't measure up to standards. We now lag behind our neighbors in the region. We seem to be guided by two damning buzzwords *"pwede na yan"* and *"pwede pa yan."* The former reflects our regard for standards while the latter explains why we can accept the downright rotten and the scum.

There are many other things that we as a people tolerate but frankly, my tolerance for these things has long run out. I now want to breathe the air in a place where order is a norm. I want to live in a place where people do not take things sitting down and where their energies are directed toward making things work, if not better. That kind of chaos I like.

I ache for a place where my wife, my daughter and I can feel safe and appreciate each other better in less stressful surroundings. I seek release from the torments of seeing my country being betrayed by those in the positions of trust, and the silence that greets their incompetence to say the least. Finally, I crave some rest for a soul grown weary of fighting. I leave with my spirit broken, and share the failure that has become our fate.

'We came back because this is home'

By Bill P. Formoso
Desk editor, PDI

MANY times, my wife and I are asked why we came back to the Philippines after 15 years in America. We have always been a little surprised at the question, coming as it does from those who chose to remain in this country.

We came back because, first of all, when we left, we did so with every intention of returning. We never intended to stay away longer than a few years, time enough to experience living in another country, to gain another perspective on life.

Secondly, there's nothing like living abroad to make you prouder of your own country. I never felt prouder being a Filipino than when I was holding my own against people of other nationalities such as those I encountered in New York.

Living in America is not all that easy. Sure, the money is good, but so is the standard of living. To maintain a certain lifestyle you need money and soon you discover that you need more and more money because you want more and bigger things.

Empty feeling

Soon enough, an empty feeling comes over you as you realize that all the consumer goods, all the steaks and lobster, all the trips to Disneyland will not bring you real happiness.

The pervading materialism of American society, you would see soon enough, is the cause of so much unhappiness there, the reason young people take guns to school to blow their teachers' brains out, why old folks are left to spend their remaining years in care homes.

By contrast, what we have in the Philippines is a nation raised on close family ties, on sacrifice, hard work, on sharing. The pity is that our unscrupulous leaders have for the longest time been robbing the country blind and looking only after their selfish interests. That is why, in the face of grinding poverty, many Filipinos choose to leave for foreign shores.

But they, too, would soon learn what my wife and I learned—that home is where the heart is. What we need to do is put our own house in order. Leaving it will not solve its problems. Deep down in every Filipino's heart, we know what must be done and if every citizen resolved to be part of the solution and not the problem, we could finally be on the road to progress.

So to the question, asked by persons who stayed in the country (and really knew better), 'Why did you come back?'—my wife and I can only answer, 'because this is home.'

'Alienation is main reason Filipinos want to return'

By Manny and Lita Dominguez-Lahoz
Farmer, pre-school administrator

MY FAMILY and I recently returned to the Philippines after more than 15 years of living in the United States.

We left when I was in my mid-40s. We started off having simple jobs, and gradually worked our way to better job opportunities. My wife went back to school to take up early childhood development. She eventually acquired her licensure and opened her own Montessori school. I, on my part, entered government service as a social worker for the State Department of Children and Family Services.

When my eldest daughter left for college, I was suddenly confronted with the realization that I was closer to sixty than fifty. That was the time we started toying with the idea of going back to *"Inang Filipinas."*

I cannot speak for the younger Filipinos who may have the ability to assimilate into the culture and lifestyle of their adopted country. I can only speak for myself as a middle-aged Pinoy, when we migrated to the United States.

The idea of "retirement" has assumed new meaning for my wife and me. We wanted to do something that we had never done before. Something that we did not know anything about. This something is the little farm in the province of Zambales. At first, my wife started to have dreams. She dreamt of the farm and saw her cousin beckoning her to come. At work, I started daydreaming about a farm with a chicken house and a few plants and fruit trees.

Living in exile

There are reasons why Filipinos abroad may want to come back. Foremost among them is the feeling of alienation. There is the concept of the Filipino as exile, living in a country and culture not his own. The strong feeling of loneliness intensifies the yearning to be re-united with his own people.

I'm inclined to believe that there is indeed a growing number of Filipinos in their early 60s who are seriously giving the thought of spending their retirement years back home.

Here are my thoughts, and I hope the government will take heed and provide the necessary support and incentives to make these Filipinos decide to return.

Filipinos who retire from work usually have contributed to the social security fund and most will be able to receive pension from their place of employment. The more fortunate among them may also have money invested in mutual fund and similar investments. These people are aware that their retirement income may not be enough if they continue to live in the United States. They are encouraged by the fact that their dollars can buy more goods and services if spent here.

Another consideration is this: when people are still working, the cost of health insurance is usually shouldered by the employer with a small contribution from the worker. Upon retirement, health insurance becomes very expensive and seniors who are on fixed income sometimes cannot afford the high cost of full coverage.

The availability of quality and affordable health insurance here will surely attract Filipinos to make the move to return. Maybe the government should look into this, and make special efforts to convince our *kababayan*, who are about to retire, to come home.

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FBI seeks LA airport gunman's motive

LOS ANGELES—US authorities were trying to determine on Friday why an Egyptian limousine driver with no known ties to terrorists went to an El Al ticket counter at Los Angeles airport and opened fire, killing two people and injuring five before he was shot dead.

Investigators said they were seeking to establish whether Hesham Mohamed Hadayet, who turned 41 on the day of the shooting, the Fourth of July, was motivated by hatred or despondency over a personal crisis.

"Right now, we don't have any indication that this individual acted in an act of terrorism. We are trying still to determine his motive," said FBI agent Richard Garcia. "It appears that he went there with the intention of killing people. Why he went there is still undetermined."

Garcia said that contrary to earlier media reports Hadayet—a married father of two who lived in suburban Irvine, about 80 km south of Los Angeles—was not on any "watch lists" of suspected terrorists and did not argue with an El Al ticket agent before shooting her dead.

A second FBI spokesman, Matt McLaughlin, said Hadayet died in the same spot where he began shooting, some 4.5 meters from the ticket counter and said passengers in line did not notice him until the first shots were fired.

McLaughlin said the FBI had not ruled out terrorism as a motive and had not determined whether Hadayet, who has lived in the United States at least since 1992 and was a legal resident with no criminal record, harbored "anti-Israeli views."

Hadayet's nationality and the fact that his two victims were both Jewish, have already convinced officials in Israel that the shooting was an act of terror.

VICTIM—El Israeli Airlines employee Victoria Hen, 25, is pictured in this 2002 family photograph. Hen was shot and killed by Hesham Mohamed Hadayet July 4 at the El Al ticket counter at the LA airport. REUTERS

GUNMAN—A photograph issued by the FBI July 5 shows a man they identified as Hesham Mohamed Hadayet, who opened fire and killed two people at the LA airport on July 4. REUTERS

"We are assuming it was a terrorist attack until it is proven otherwise," Israeli Transport Minister Ephraim Sneh told Israel Radio.

US officials were more cautious. "There's no evidence, no indication at this time, that this is terrorists," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters traveling with President George W. Bush to Maine.

FBI agents were investigating reports that police had been called to Hadayet's apartment at least once in response to a domestic disturbance, Garcia said. His wife and children had returned to Egypt several weeks ago.

"Besides terrorism and such, we're also looking into the possibility of a hate crime," said Garcia. "We're also looking into the possibility of him being despondent for some reason."

The FBI, which was tight-lipped about Hadayet's identity in the hours after the shooting, on Friday handed out his picture and asked the public to help establish his motive and activities before the attack.

The FBI had contacted Hadayet's family by Friday afternoon and interviewed them. "The results will probably not be public for a while," Garcia said.

A relative in Egypt said Hadayet had called his father on the day of the attack, his birthday. He said the family knew of no links between Hadayet and Islamic militants.

McLaughlin said Hadayet approached the El Al counter, drew a .45 caliber Glock pistol and opened fire without warning, killing 25-year-old ticket agent Victoria Hen and Jacob Aminov, a 46-year-old diamond importer who had just driven a friend to the airport.

An unarmed El Al security guard responded immediately, grappling with Hadayet—who was also armed with a 9 mm handgun, a six-inch hunting knife and extra ammunition—as his partner fired on the gunman. McLaughlin said Hadayet continued to struggle despite wounds that proved fatal.

Hadayet managed to stab both security guards, one of them three times, before he was subdued with the help of a bystander, McLaughlin said.

"He was apparently a very determined fighter," McLaughlin said. "He fought on even after he was shot."

Haim Sapir, El Al's security chief in Los Angeles, was treated for a stab wound sustained during the struggle. *Reuters*

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PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
Malacañang Palace, Manila

Dear Madame Macapagal-Arroyo,

This has reference to the PAF Aviation Cadet Program which is mandated by law under R.A. 291 of 1948, and which you ordered continued by the CG, PAF, Lt Gen Benjamin P Defensor Jr, last February 7, 2001.

May we inform Her Excellency that, at long last, after one year and four months, the CG, PAF has sent a letter to the CS, AFP recommending for approval a "proposed timetable for the reactivation of the Program, subject to adjustments." The CG, PAF even caused the publication of a newspaper advertisement regarding the matter.

We whole-heartedly give our thanks to our beloved President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for giving the order to reactivate the Aviation Cadet Program; and to CS, AFP, Gen Roy Cimatu, for having approved the recommendation of the CG, PAF; and also, albeit grudgingly, to the CG, PAF, for his initiatives in the past few days after all the stonewalling and dilatory tactics he threw our way. We hope that the Aviation Cadet Program will finally be realized before the year ends as the CG, PAF promised.

We appeal to you, Madame President, since you will soon be the Guest of Honor and Speaker during the annual Air Force Day celebration on July 8, 2002, to remind Lt Gen Benjamin P Defensor Jr to honor his commitment to continue the Aviation Cadet Program. The program has been in existence since 1937 and was institutionalized by R.A. 291 in 1948. Many of our heroes were former Aviation Cadets after whose names most of our Air Bases, Air Stations, and Airfields are named.

Madame President, the Aviation Cadet Program is very important to our country. It was your father, President Diosdado Macapagal, who helped Aviation Cadet graduates as he commissioned them directly upon graduation as regular officers of the AFP as provided for in R.A. 291. The country owes much to him for strengthening the ***check and balance in the military and defense establishment, a must for a democratic system of government.*** Aviation Cadet graduates have proven themselves in the past and will continue to do so to help preserve democracy and stability in our country.

WE PLEDGE OUR FULL SUPPORT TO YOU AND YOUR ADMINISTRATION.

Very respectfully yours,

CAPTAIN AMADO H SOLIMAN JR
Chairman of the Board

Bombings on Algeria's freedom day kill at least 35 people

ALGIERS—Two bombs rocked Algeria as the country marked its 40th independence anniversary on Friday, one blast ripping through a crowded market killing at least 35 people and injuring about 80.

The market bomb near Algiers, the deadliest single attack on civilians this year, was followed by a second blast at a beach—also near the capital—in which two bathers were injured, security sources said.

No group claimed responsibility, but the government blamed Islamic rebels who have been accused of carrying out many similar bombings over the past nine years.

The first bomb tore through the market at Larba, 25 km south of Algiers at 9.15 a.m. when it was packed with shoppers and farmers who go there each week to buy and sell vegetables and fruit.

The device was hidden inside a heap of garbage bags just at the entrance to the market, one security source said.

"The death toll climbed to at least 35 as seriously wounded people died later at hospital," a government hospital official said. The number of injured in the blast, which gouged out a two-meter-deep crater, was put at around 80.

Two among of the dead were two men from neighboring Niger, a government security source said. The two were shopping at the market, he added.

"I saw at least 15 bodies on top of one another inside the crater left by the bomb impact," an eyewitness said.

Another said many of the dead were farmers' sons.

"Poor farmers, often accompanied by their children, came to that market from neighboring villages to sell crops," the eyewitness said.

"I saw rescuers collecting pieces of human flesh into a bag. It is very difficult to forget such a sight," he added.

The second bomb exploded about four hours later on a beach near the high-security Sidi Frej area outside Algiers where senior government officials and their families live. Security sources gave no details of the injuries sustained by the two bathers.

The attacks came three days after the army chief of staff, Lieutenant-General Mohamed Lamari, declared the government had won its war against Islamic guerrillas.

The government said the Islamic rebels staged the attacks to spoil independence celebrations marking the end of the North African country's colonial rule by France after a savage war.

"You see what these assassins did! These hideous brutes were murdering on July 5, a symbol for us," junior interior minister Daho Ould Kablia said as he visited the wounded at a hospital in Algiers.

Reuters

BUTCHER OF GENOA

Friedrich Engel, a 93-year-old former Nazi SS officer dubbed the Butcher of Genoa, sits in a car leaving a Hamburg court July 5, 2002. Engel, the wartime leader of the elite SS force in the Italian port of Genoa, was sentenced to seven years in prison for his role in the massacre of 59 Italian prisoners during World War II.

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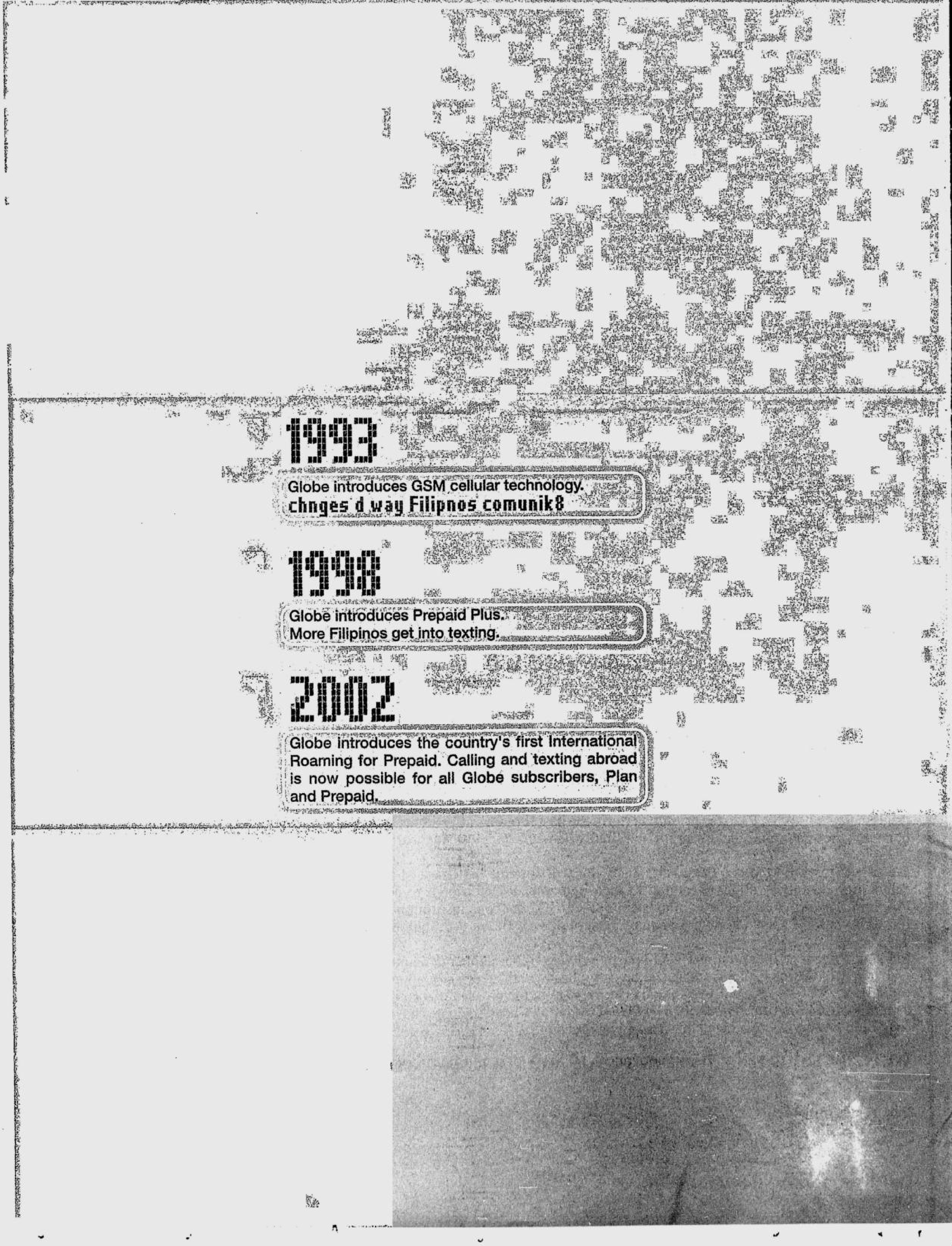

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Pakistani cop arrested in gang-rape case

MUZAFFARGARH, Pakistan—Pakistani police said on Saturday they had arrested one of their own officers for failing to prevent a woman from being gang-raped by four men on the order of a village jury.

"We have arrested Assistant Sub-Inspector (Asi) Muhammad Iqbal and charged him with criminal negligence for failing to follow the procedure," Muzaffargarh's Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Farman Ali said.

Mukhtaran Mai says she was raped by four men on the order of a village jury or Panchayat because her brother, Abdul Shakoor, had a love affair with the girl of a higher class tribe. Police say she is 30 years old.

The incident in a remote village in the central province of Punjab on June 22 has sparked a national outcry.

Earlier, the woman's brother Shakoor had also been kidnapped by the Mastoi tribe. A police team led by Iqbal freed him but failed to arrest the tribesmen, who later took their revenge on his sister, the SSP said.

"It's a criminal negligence," Ali said. "If the Asi had recovered the kidnapped boy, he should have proceeded against the accused tribesmen according to the law. Now he will also be proceeded against."

Mai told Reuters Television on Friday she begged for mercy but none of the hundreds of people around helped her as four men dragged her to a room and gang-raped her.

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Russia proposes int'l project to put human explorers on Mars

MOSCOW—Refusing to be deterred by a string of failures in exploring Mars, Russian space officials proposed an ambitious international project on Friday to send a six-person team to the Red Planet around 2015.

Russia's space program hopes to work closely with the American agency Nasa and the European Space Agency to build two spaceships that would be capable of transporting the crew to Mars, supporting them on the planet for up to two months and then safely bringing them home, said Nikolai Anfimov, head of the Central Research Institute of Machine-Building.

The roughly 440-day trip—which would mark a milestone in space travel and international space cooperation—is expected to cost about $20 billion, with Russia suggesting it would contribute 30 percent.

"It must be an international project," said Vitaly Semyonov, head of the Mars project at the M.V. Keldysha Space Research Center. 'No one country could cope alone with this task."

Russian space officials said they are receiving encouraging signs of interest from Nasa and European counterparts.

But Nasa spokesperson Delores Beasley said Friday that the Russians haven't submitted any formal plan to the agency and that until Nasa sees something official from Russia, it will not comment on the proposal. Because of demands from the US Congress to scale back costs, human travel to Mars has not been on the space agency's radar recently.

"We are still very far away," conceded Alain Fournier-Sicre, head of the European Space Agency's permanent mission in Russia. "But this kind of program is a long-term initiative for every space agency in the world," he said, adding that he held a meeting with Russian space officials this week to discuss the project.

Landing humans on the Martian surface has long been a dream of Russian space scientists. But even in the heyday of the Soviet space program, when Moscow reported success after success, its attempts to reach Mars were marked by failure. Soviet scientists began whispering about a "Mars curse."

The Soviet Union kicked off Mars exploration in 1960 by launching two unmanned spacecraft four days apart, but both failed even to make it as far as Earth's orbit. One resulted in an engine explosion that scattered debris and contamination over the Baikonur launch pad in one of the worst accidents in Soviet space history.

That was followed by repeated attempts and often repeated disappointment. The bad luck for Russia continued on Nov. 16, 1996, when the Russians launched an ambitious $300 million spacecraft, Mars 96,. which they hoped would prove to the world that despite their economic struggles after the Soviet breakup, they could still run a first-rate space program. Mars 96 suffered an engine failure just after launch and crashed into the Pacific Ocean.

Anfimov said that despite the setbacks, "we never stopped planning and seeking opportunities to reach our next goal: Mars."

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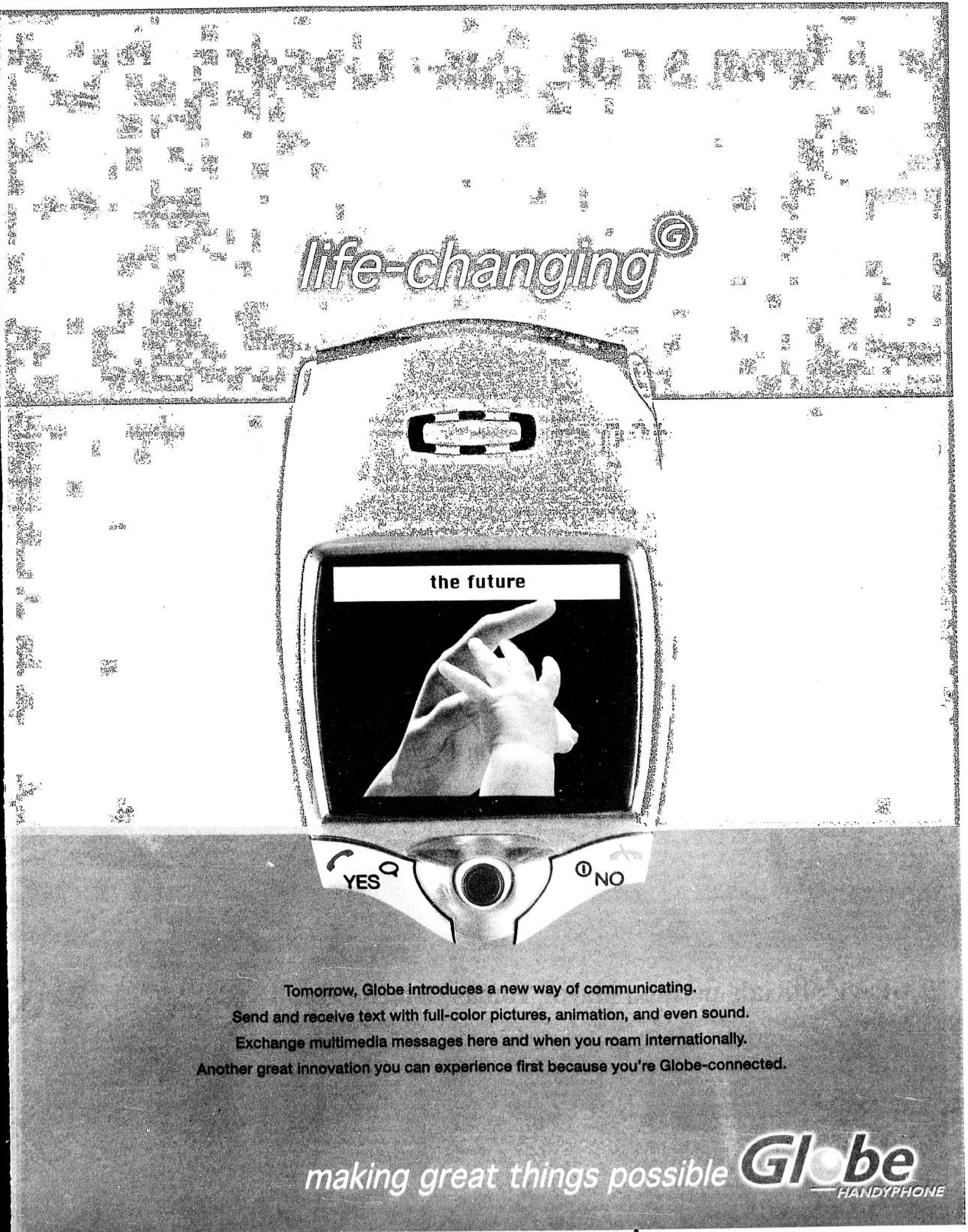

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Floods hit 3 Mindanao provinces

COTABATO CITY—Torrential rains triggered flashfloods in at least three Mindanao provinces, destroying about P50 million worth of crops and properties.

Officials said the flood affected some 10,000 farmers in Maguindanao, Cotabato and South Cotabato as of Friday.

In Cotabato, at least four towns were submerged when the Rio Grande de Mindanao and the Liguasan Marsh swelled because of heavy rains since last week, according to Lita Enok, regional director of the Office of Civil Defense.

Enok said Maguindanao was the most affected, with at least 4,536 families displaced.

Floodwaters reaching up to four feet high covered mostly rice paddies and lands planted to corn and root crops in Pagagawan, Pagalungan and SK Pendatun towns, the badly hit towns in Maguindanao.

Abusama Alid, assistant director of the Department of Agriculture in Central Mindanao, said in Pikit, Cotabato, the floods affected at least 40 low-lying barangays.

Meanwhile, Enok said government assistance to affected families has been hampered by the election ban imposed by the Commission on Elections in connection with the July 15 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan polls. *Charlie C. Senase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Pupils at the seaside Zonta Elementary School in Davao City go into wave watching after classes.

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Western Luzon will experience widespread rains while the rest of the country will have cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Monsoon Rains	HI 27°	Lo 23°
Baguio	Monsoon Rains	HI 19°	Lo 15°
Tuguegarao	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31°	Lo 21°
Laoag	Widespread Rains	HI 30°	Lo 24°
Clark Zone	Monsoon Rains	HI 27°	Lo 23°
Tagaytay	Monsoon Rains	HI 26°	Lo 21°
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32°	Lo 25°
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	HI 30°	Lo 22°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains	HI 30°	Lo 23°
Roxas	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32°	Lo 24°
Cebu	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31°	Lo 76°
Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains	HI 33°	Lo 26°
Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31°	Lo 24°
Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31°	Lo 25°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31°	Lo 24°
Davao	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31°	Lo 24°

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Napolcom's role questioned

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Even as the row over the relief of seven Philippine National Police officials had been settled, grunts still remain about the role of the National Police Commission over the PNP.

Napolcom's seeming "superbody" function over the PNP has stirred "confusion if not resistance" from the ranks, a PNP source here said on Friday.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, in Thursday's turnover rites of the PNP command, did not delve on the issue, the source, a junior police officer, noted.

The officer said a memorandum from Napolcom executive officer Rogelio Pureza indicated the commission's "unwarranted authority" over the PNP.

In the memorandum, dated July 1, Pureza ordered regional police directors to monitor and act on the hijacking report of a container van carrying 841 cartons of Drouhin and Chapoutier wines.

"Apprehend and hold the same immediately upon sight," Pureza ordered. "Report at once to this office any development on the subject, copy furnished the Napolcom regional director concerned."

It was addressed to PNP directors in Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Cordillera, Central Luzon, Southern Tagalog, Bicol and the National Capital Region.

The source, who oversees operations in Pampanga, said it was "wrong" of Pureza to be making such order to the PNP. Such order should come from the PNP chief himself, the source said.

According to him, Republic Act No. 8551, also known as the PNP Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998, does not have any provision giving the Napolcom or its executive director the powers and functions to command the PNP in specific anti-criminality tasks.

The provisions pertain to Napolcom's administrative control and operational supervision over the PNP through, among others, policy and audit standards formulation, and program and performance monitoring.

The source said the issue of "meddling," especially by Pureza, has been raised by junior police officers to Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya, Central Luzon police chief, before he was relieved last week.

In the police where hierarchy is strictly observed, Pureza's order "tended also to diminish the authority of the PNP chief," the source said.

"It makes vague the question of accountability," the source added. "To whom are we accountable to? To the Napolcom or the PNP chief?"

Pureza, a retired police general, was not available for comment. His secretary said he was out of the office on Friday for a media interview. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Marag Valley has 2-room national high school

By Frank Cimatu
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BAGUIO CITY—Marag Valley, formerly a no-man's land in Apayao which bore the brunt of the military's anti-insurgency campaign in Northern Luzon in the early 1990s, finally has a two-room national high school.

The Marag Valley National High School is one of five new national high schools inaugurated this school year in Apayao.

Apayao Rep. Elias Bulut Jr. said the government gave priority to the building of new schools because the existing eight public high schools were not enough to service the 10,000 students in the province. There are also five private high schools in Apayao.

"This is the clamor of the people. Otherwise, many of the students would rather not go to school," Bulut said.

He said some students would walk for half a day to school.

Apayao is the least-dense province in the country with only 25 people per sq. km, compared with the national average of 255 per sq. km.

The other new public high schools inaugurated last month were the Apayao Science High School in Luna town, the Ricardo de San Jose National High School in Flora, the Mataguisi National High School in Pudtol, and the Guillermo Bersamin National High School in Sta. Marcela.

Bulut said the five schools could only accommodate first year students.

"We will increase the rooms and year levels as we go along. We hope to have the complete year levels in eight years," he said.

Marag Valley had been heavily bombed during the early 1990s under the military's Oplan Salidummay. Human rights groups said over 200 children, mostly belonging to the Isneg tribe, died during the operation in 1991.

Perez orders murder rap vs town mayor

NAGA CITY—Justice Secretary Hernando B. Perez has directed the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Camarines Sur to file a murder charge against Caramoan Mayor Marilyn Co, her husband Wilson and several others in connection with the killing of a former supporter of the mayor.

Also named respondents were SPO2 Ramil Aranas, Sgt. Gilbert Reyes and other unnamed persons.

Perez has modified the resolution promulgated earlier by the prosecutors in Camarines Sur who dismissed the murder charge against the Co couple.

The resolution stemmed from the appeal the lawyer of the victim's family filed in his office.

Perez reversed the prosecutors' finding that there was probable cause for homicide and violation of domicile against Reyes and other unnamed persons, and instead ordered that all the respondents be charged with murder.

Witness Rex R. Cortez alleged that he saw uniformed armed men together with Aranas and Reyes position themselves by the side of a road in Caramoan town before victim Miguel Antonio Francia was shot dead.

Cortez claimed that at about 5 p.m., May 15 last year, Francia was slowly walking towards their house when Aranas shot him twice with what looked like an armalite rifle.

Francia, a former political supporter of Co but supported her opponent during the May elections, fell to the ground, the witness said.

Cortez further alleged that Reyes approached the fallen Francia and kicked his head several times. He also alleged that Reyes even pounded the victim's head with the tip of his armalite.

He said the suspects came from the house of Co when they shot dead Francia.

Several other witnesses testified on the incidents that followed the shooting.

Aranas denied the allegations in his counter-affidavit, accusing Cortez of fabricating the story.

He claimed that he was at Co's house giving peace and order situation updates to the mayor when they heard gunshots.

Aranas said they responded when several more shots were heard from the house of Francia and later saw the victim wounded and lying on the road.

He said he found that Reyes was forced to shoot Francia when the victim was about to shoot the army man with his .99 mm pistol.

Francia's mother corroborated Cortez's statements, and further claimed that his son had been receiving threats from Co before the shooting happened.

Prior to his murder, the victim was able to document Co's threats through affidavits and police blotters.

Jocelyn B. Francia, victim's wife, also testified that her husband confessed to her that the mayor's husband planned to eliminate him.

"Conspiracy among the respondents also finds support from the evidence adduced. This may be gleaned from the attendant events immediately before, during and after the killing," Perez said in his resolution.

The killing of Francia was not only based on hypothetical facts or on mere presumptions but by accounts of eyewitnesses, Perez said. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

'Jueteng' suddenly stops in Baguio, Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY—*Jueteng* operations stopped in Baguio and parts of the Cordillera days after the public uproar surrounding the relief of seven police generals for failing to curb this illegal numbers game.

But instead of praise, police here have been getting cynical comments from the media and the public.

Chief Supt. George Aliño, Cordillera police director, said *jueteng* operations had completely stopped about a week ago, saying it was the "inevitable consequence of sustained police raids of jueteng dens."

Yet bet collectors interviewed by the INQUIRER insisted that the games were "suspended" because of an undisclosed arrangement between their unnamed financiers and the police.

Police sources said local financiers were persuaded to "lie low" to allow top police officials to ride the storm created by Interior Secretary Jose Lina Jr.

"In exchange, they will be coordinating soon with the top gambling lords in preparation for the (2004) presidential elections," the source claimed.

Police accomplishment reports labeled the gambling operations here and in the Ilocos and Cagayan Valley, as "guerrilla"— a reference to mobile operations by small town operators.

Because these operations supposedly cross several borders, the National Police Commission (Napolcom) had been unable to pinpoint police accountability for these continuing gambling operations.

Alino said the sudden end of *jueteng* in Baguio City, La Trinidad, Benguet, and Abra was "logical."

"What else can the operators do. If we continue to crack down and they continue to lose money, then they have no recourse but to stop," he told reporters. *Vincent Cabreza and Jovelyn Reyes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

379 village officials petition Mayor Tomas Osmeña recall

By Jolene R. Bulambot
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Just nine days before the synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections, majority of the barangay officials here signed a petition yesterday asking for the recall of Cebu City Mayor Tomas Osmeña.

Citing loss of confidence in Osmeña's administration as the ground for the recall, Association of Barangay Council president Jose Navarro said they would immediately submit the petition on Monday before the Commission on Elections.

Three hundred ninety nine of the 712 members of the Association of Barangay Councils, voted in favor of the recall move during the Preparatory Recall Assembly (PRA) held at the Capitol Social Hall yesterday.

Among the issues raised against the mayor were his alleged continuing actuation of undermining the barangay captains and subjecting them to political harassment, and the alleged malicious and baseless termination of more than a thousand city hall employees suspected of not supporting him during the election.

Also raised was the alleged refusal of the mayor to deliver basic services in barangays where the leaders are identified with Garcia and the mayor's "continued arrogance and high-handedness against some barangay captains." The "deteriorating peace and order situation" in the city and the imposition of taxes on telecommunications utilities, were also cited as factors for the recall.

About 500 barangay officials attended the PRA but only 30 other barangay officials who were in the meeting have opposed the move. About 70 other pro-Osmeña barangay leaders opted to walk out from the assembly.

The Cebu City PRA is composed of 80 barangay captains, 554 barangay councilors and 78 SK chairpersons. The holding of the PRA was pursuant to Resolution No. 115 earlier passed by the ABC Board of Directors for the purpose of initiating the recall process.

Those who voted to have the mayor recalled were identified with Kugi Uswag Sugbo (Kusug), a local party headed by Osmeña's bitter rival, former mayor Alvin Garcia.

Garcia was seen with barangay leaders in a pre-assembly meeting on Friday night at an uptown hotel here to discuss the recall move.

At the assembly yesterday, barangay leaders argued for over an hour the legality of holding an RPA before the voting process could start.

The scene became chaotic when many barangay leaders who want to remove the mayor from his office started chanting "recall" as the voting started. Others even stood on their chairs while chanting "recall!"

The pro-Osmeña barangay leaders were clearly outnumbered. They instead opted to walk out from the proceedings as the voting started.

ROUNDUP

Fight vs 'jueteng'

LEGAZPI CITY—The Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, National Police Commission and PNP Regional Training Center offices here have thrown their full support to the nationwide campaign of the Department of Interior and Local Government against illegal gambling, particularly jueteng. "With the support of different government agencies and sectors of the society, the drive would surely put an end to all illegal gambling activities in the Bicol Region," said DILG regional director Josefina Castilla-Go.
Melanie Valenciano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Tiwi's Coron fest

LEGAZPI CITY—Tiwi will hold its own festival to promote its industry, consisting mainly of pottery and handicraft. The Coron Festival, is the latest festival to be launched in Albay. The three-day festivity, slated on Aug. 15-17, will showcase the town's tourist attractions and religious, historical and cultural heritage. Highlight of the festival is the inauguration of Tiwi's latest landmark and tourist attraction, the Naglagbong Park cum Science Centrum in Barangay Naga.
Melanie Valenciano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

MILF commander nabbed

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—A Moro Islamic Liberation Front deputy commander, who was wounded in an encounter that took place after an ambush in Marawi City last week, was arrested after police found him in a hospital here. Acmad Mama was identified as the leader of MILF rebels responsible for the ambush of the elements of the 58th Infantry Battalion in downtown Marawi, which killed a soldier. Insp. Efren Camaro, precinct commander of the Cogon sub-station, said Mama had been charged with murder and would be jailed after his discharge from the hospital. Major Johnny Macanas, spokesperson of the Army's 4th Infantry Division, said the military would also file a complaint against the MILF for violation of the ceasefire agreement.
Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Fire guts firms

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—An early morning blaze gutted many commercial firms, including a local bank, inside the Carmen Public Market here on Thursday. The fire which damaged about P2 million worth of properties, occurred just when the entire city police force was placed under a red alert status because of alleged threats from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. But Supt. Felicisimo Khu, city police director, said the incident has nothing to do with terrorism. Lita Bajuyo, a witness, said the fire started at a newly renovated stall. City Fire Chief Insp. Efren Ratunil Jr. said they were still trying to figure out what triggered the fire.
Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Boat factory razed

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Fire razed on Wednesday a boat factory owned by a provincial board member in Barangay San Rafael here. No one was hurt but damage was estimated at P25 million. Board member Robert David said the fire could have been started by communist rebels after he received threats from them last month. David said his factory manufactures wooden boats and decorative furniture and exports these to Europe.
Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Indecent shows stopped

SUBIC, Zambales—Mayor Jeffrey Khonghun ordered police to stop "indecent live shows" in several nightclubs and establishments located near the town hall here. He said he also received complaints that some minors were working in the bars. Khonghun vowed to close establishments found violating his order and directed the police to monitor clubs displaying bold shows.
Allan Macatuno, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Mass bloodletting

BAGUIO CITY—To boost the low blood supply in the Cordillera, the Philippine National Red Cross-Benguet chapter urged residents to donate blood during the mass bloodletting on July 22. Dr. Virginia de Joya, a PNRC pathologist, also asked residents to support the drive called "A Little Pain, A Life to Gain."
Mark Manalang, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

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Group finds way to run fish sanctuary

By Ramon Jorge Sarabosing
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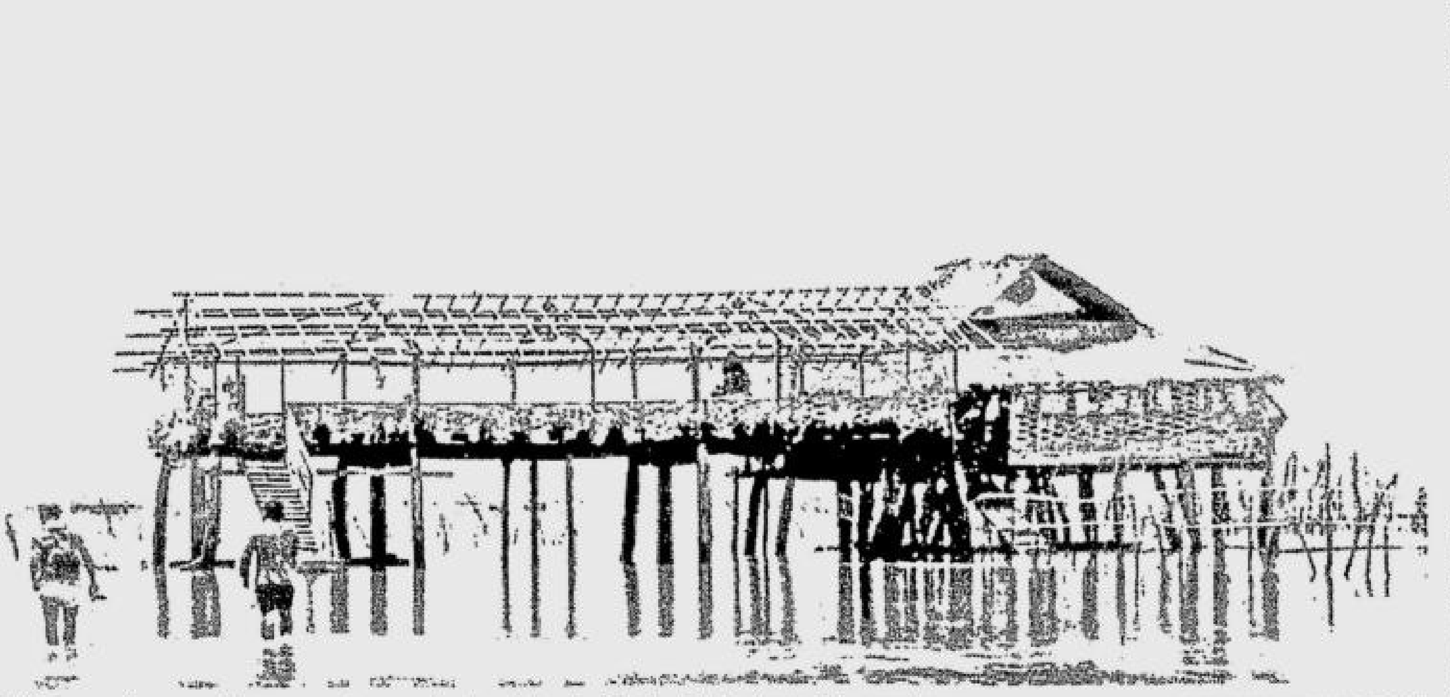

THE guardhouse, visitors quarters and solar drier inside the 54-hectare fish sanctuary.

PHOTOS BY FERDINAND EDRALIN

TEDDY Canda, founding leader of Namati.

AFTER eight years, Teddy Canda, founding leader of the Nagpakabanang Mananagat sa Tigao (Namati), has finally found the most appropriate way to run a fish sanctuary.

Namati, a group of small fisherfolk and farmers established the first ever fish sanctuary in the Caraga Region. The daring initiative generated public curiosity and interest when the project, after a few years proved successful. No less than a cabinet secretary of then President Fidel Ramos came to visit the area.

The 54-hectare sanctuary came about in the early 90's when the "sea was dying." Dynamite and all forms of illegal fishing were rampant. Fish catch were decreasing tremendously. People were losing hope. But not Canda who urged his village mates to organize themselves and establish a fish sanctuary.

"Some were against it at first," Canda narrates. "They said it was violating the right to fish anywhere."

"But I told them 'what is a small piece where fish are allowed to breed?'"

From seven, the group grew to 60 members. And because of its proven track record, the group received loans and grants from local and regional government agencies.

There was no way for the organization and the sanctuary to go but up. Until a raging typhoon called "politics" came.

"We were hit from all corners. We were nearly knocked down. Everything we had were taken away from us, like the three pumpboats that served as night patrols."

Worse, the ownership and management of the sanctuary was contested.

But Canda looks back at it now with less anguish. "I hope we have learned to forgive each other because on our part, the crisis gave us the chance to harness our strength and capabilities we never thought (we had). But most of all, it liberated us."

It also allowed the rigid flow of natural selection. "After the typhoon, half of the members left. Those who remained were the ones who really understood what the sanctuary was all about. Those who left had personal agenda," he said.

Canda elaborates on the "liberation," which points to running the sanctuary.

"We envisioned the sanctuary to be a showcase of our discipline, hard work and dedication, to prove to our people that we meant well, both for economic and environmental sustenance. But along the way we fail on our expectations. When the government and military officials came, we were forced to offer them fish right in the sanctuary. We dishonored ourselves. It was discomforting. We didn't know how and when to stop it," he said.

But when trouble broke out and ties with local officials severed, they felt a big relief. A blessing in disguise, Canda would call it, "or we may never get out from the clutches of political patronage."

But he admits that it was also necessary to waltz with the powers-that-be but one must know how to draw the line.

Another experience that has strengthened him and the group was confronting the intricacies of the law. One night, while on night duty, a drunken fisherman from another barangay intruded into the sanctuary. Canda called his attention and warned him but he was stubborn, leaving no choice but to shoot him. With the turn of events and complications, Canda was imprisoned for a week.

"But it was another step in the knowledge ladder. It taught us how to act and respond to a crisis like this," he said.

Ted never thought the group's transformation would turn out this way. He admitted that he thought the crisis would spell the end of the organization and the sanctuary in the process.

"I thought eight years of sacrifice and hard work would vanish because of confusion, anger and near loss of faith. I was prepared to give up."

To his surprise, the members rallied behind him and were even more determined to save the sanctuary. "The bottom line is, we have seen that sanctuary work for all of us and maybe for that reason alone it was worth saving," he said.

Today, Namati members feel they have weathered the typhoon.

"We're down to 30 members but surprisingly, we've done a lot more, worked much harder and there is no more tension," Canda said.

And instead of politicians coming in, students from nearby colleges of Tandag town flock nearly every weekend for field studies. *"Mas maayo ni sila kay wala'y hasol."* (This is a better group because they don't bother us).

For Canda and the Namati members, the sanctuary has become an important part of their lives. Their survival depends on the nourishment of and by the sanctuary.

"We tell ourselves we will not get rich but we seek comfort (with) the idea that we won't at least starve and we will get by (with) life's demands."

For Canda and company, what is also important is the realization that it is never too late to recover the sea's bounty and to give justice to the fisherfolk's simple, big efforts.

An urgent appeal to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

Her Excellency
Madam Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
President
Republic of the Philippines
Malacanang Palace

Dear Madam President,

We, the depositors of UNITRUST DEVELOPMENT BANK, sharing common interest and plight of all other depositors similarly situated hereby appeal our cause to her Excellency in light of the following:

On 04 January 2002, then acting UDB president, Atty. Jose Apolinario declared a bank holiday for UDB which inevitably resulted to the hasty intervention of Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) upon instructions of the Monetary Board. As a consequence, we, the UDB depositors were deprived of our right to withdraw our deposits. After three (3) weeks, PDIC started servicing withdrawals to the tune of no more than ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP100,000.00) per depositor. We had to accept the apologies of the respective bank managers with their assurances since UDB at the time of the closure was liquid and solvent and it stood a good chance of being rehabilitated without much delay.

As far as we know, PDIC as a receiver of the bank offered for sale UDB to several investors as early as March 2002 but, up until now, no serious investor has complied with the important requirement of seeking the consent of 67% of the bank's shareholders of record for the acquisition bid. It has also come to our knowledge that some of the bidders were only interested in buying the branches of UDB, leaving the depositors unsure of being absorbed and fending for themselves what to do afterwards.

As early as March 15, 2002, we were apprised of an offer from First Federal Banking Corporation (FFBC) to buy Unitrust Development Bank lock, stock and barrel. We see this as a good offer as it brings in new capital into the economy, unlike the other offers which make use of money recycled from within the country's banking system. Worse, the other offers may even require funding assistance from the BSP.

For still unknown reasons, however, the FFBC offer continues to suffer unreasonable stall in the hands of PDIC. A rehabilitation plan with a confirmed placement of PHP 285 million in escrow account had already been submitted to PDIC, together with a detailed profile of the people behind FFBC as well as financial data.

Madam President, we are worried that if PDIC continues to ignore the proposal of FFBC, liquidation may eventually be resorted to with interest of the depositors least taken care of. Liquidation is a process that takes no less than ten years to complete.

Question: Can PDIC legally and morally proceed with liquidation when an investor such as FFBC is still pursuing its bid?

Answer: We respectfully submit that this could not be done without prejudice and detriment to the depositors of the bank. Why is the proposal of FFBC not being considered when it provides the solution to the present problem of UDB, immediately reimburses PDIC its advances to UDB, creates employment and development to the countryside, and saves the depositors from bidding goodbye to their hard-earned money?

We beg Her Excellency to step into the matter and order the appropriate agencies to look closely at the offer of FFBC and prevent PDIC from liquidating UDB without valid reasons. Much as we want to believe that our government is protecting innocent people from falling prey to hasty and unreasonable decisions, we are deeply concerned that without your intercession, we may lose the savings we have painstakingly worked for.

Respectfully,
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Aetas build first pre-school on hilly village

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two assistants—Nora Cosme and Rowena Diaz.

Nora and Rowena are both from Tarukan. Gennie goes home to her husband and children only during weekends. They live in Kalangitan, which is several villages away.

The teachers' pay comes from donors' pledges.

Gennie, who had worked with the Community of Learners Foundation outreach program, gets paid through the kindness of the Assisi Foundation.

Teacher, in the Aeta dialect, is "*manuro.*"

A dream comes true

Tarukan's elders started building the schoolhouse in April. A school was the dream that did not come true during their generation. This school would be their dream-come-true for their children.

They gathered building materials from the hills. A couple of weeks were all it took to finish.

What took longer was the search for ways to make the dream work and continue. Who will teach? How will it be managed? Who will help see it through?

In December 2001, the Kalangitan-based Labay Ko Multipurpose Cooperative set up by Aeta leaders of Capas wrote to the Sisters of the Holy Spirit for assistance. The nuns, who run the Aeta Mission in Kalangitan, responded instantly with encouragement and support, with the "how-tos." The Aeta leaders' counterpart was labor, local materials, sweat and enthusiasm.

Two schools were finished in no time—one in Tarukan and another in Maruglo.

Tarukan is an isolated Aeta community of about 90 families living on a hill that could be reached by crossing the vast Crow Valley, the site of frequent aerial military target exercises.

Lahar beds had formed after the Mount Pinatubo eruption, and flowing waters after a downpour make Crow Valley difficult to traverse. A sturdy four-wheel-drive jeep or a carabao sled gets one across. One goes past slopes planted with bright red drums that serve as aerial firing targets.

Tarukan has a breathtaking view of the valley and the mountains beyond that heave with life. Tarukan lies in the bosom of a verdant hill suitable for subsistence agriculture.

But life could be a lot better for this group of Aetas if they had access to public services.

Getting water is difficult. If only they had a few hundred meters of water hose so clean water can flow right into their village.

"*Mamumuso,*" or heart-gatherers, is how many Tarukan Aetas call themselves. "*Puso ng saging,*" the heart-shaped banana blossom, is their main source of livelihood.

The mountains surrounding Crow Valley abound with the wild banana variety, which has no commercial value because it is full of seeds. But the banana "*puso*" make great vegetable dishes and are sold in markets all over.

DO you know the way to Tarukan, an isolated village beyond Crow Valley in Tarlac where Aeta elders built a cogon-roofed place of learning for their young? CERES DOYO

The Aetas also grow "*gabi*" (taro) and "*kamote*" (yams). Middlemen buy them cheap.

When Pinatubo emptied its belly in 1991, Tarukan's Aetas evacuated to safer grounds. But, they soon realized, life in a resettlement area was not for them. They went back to their village only to find lowlanders taking over portions of their ancestral domain.

Nine Aeta communities in Capas, including Tarukan, have since completed an impressive documentation of their claim to their ancestral domain, as provided under Republic Act No. 8371, and submitted this to the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples. The documentation includes ethnographic maps, genealogical charts, photos and narratives describing their cultural roots. The pre-schools are their newest project.

Education offers hope

Aetas could not live in idyllic serenity in their hilltop villages by merely subsisting on what the mountains could offer. Disease, illiteracy, extreme poverty and discrimination have caused them to remain in the margins of society.

Education is their one great source of hope.

In Maruglo, which is a mixed community in the lowlands, the Aetas built a pre-school exclusively for their own children even if a public school was just nearby.

Maruglo's brand-new school, which is made of native materials, is called the Habay Ti Ya Bukal Preparatory School ("*habay ti ya bukal*" means "this is the first fruit").

When the children move on to Grade One in Maruglo's public school, the Aeta parents hope to see a section exclusive only for the Aeta children. It looks like segregation in reverse, but this is one way Aeta children can feel at home in a mixed milieu.

The teachers in Maruglo are Lourdes Vitug, 28, an Aeta who lives in the community with her husband and children, and Riza G. Apostol, 26, who lives in another village. Riza commutes every day via "Carabao FX."

In the case of Tarukan, the school had to come to them. There was no way children could go to the schools 10 kilometers away.

Although still unregistered, the Bini Pre-School could eventually become a public school.

Sister Victricia Pascasio, head of the Holy Spirit Sisters' Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation committee, hopes this will happen. So does Sister Marian Herrera, the young nun who lives and works among the Aetas.

Inside the pre-schools, there is a dearth of books and school supplies. The blackboard eraser is an old rag of a shirt.

The teachers dream of storybooks and coloring books, and even discarded stubs of crayons.

The medium of instruction is Sambal mixed with Pilipino, Kapampangan and English. Magantsi, the Aeta dialect, is also used.

For now, the syllabus being used is one developed by a missionary group for indigenous communities. Subjects are Reading and Writing, English, Pilipino, Math, Science, and Sibika at Kultura. Story telling is a favorite form of instruction.

The children are so eager to learn that some from the morning session sneak into the afternoon class. There are no separation anxiety or school blues here, unlike what happens in the cities.

"We convince parents not to bring the children to the mountains to work during school days," said Henry Gutierrez, secretary of Labay Ko. The parents understand and take them during weekends.

The day the Inquirer visited the school, the letter E was being taught in both Tarukan and Maruglo.

E is for egg, eggplant and elephant.

"E for eroplano," shouted an irrepressible Aeta child.

Most Aeta kids can draw an airplane. They see them often in the skies above Crow Valley. "Pilot" is a common Aeta name.

A few more letters in the alphabet to go and, one teacher said, they would come to letter P.

P is for Pilipinas. But A is for Aeta.

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15 sacadas started it all in Hawaii

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arrival of the first Filipinos in Hawaii in 1906, the rich culture and proud heritage of the Filipino people have been and continue to be a positive influence upon life in Hawaii.

"In recognition of the great contributions of Filipinos to Hawaii's diverse and multicultural society, a celebration to commemorate their arrival and subsequent achievements in Hawaii is appropriate."

One of the authors of the bill, Rep. Felipe Abinsay Jr., was here recently to look into the possibility of establishing a counterpart commission in the Philippines, possibly in Pangasinan or Ilocos Sur.

A month's journey

According to Abinsay, the first group of *sacadas* (many of them from Pangasinan and Abra) were processed in Vigan, Ilocos Sur, and left for Hawaii from Port Salomague in Cabugao, Ilocos Sur.

Their journey took all of a month.

Upon reaching Hawaii, the *sacadas* were processed at the Oahu Sugar Mill, where, incidentally, the Filipino Community Center now stands. (The center was inaugurated last June 11.)

"The *sacadas* worked 12 hours a day, six days a week, for 10 cents a day. It was a hard life," Abinsay told the Inquirer.

"The FilCom Center was built in recognition of their sacrifice," he added. "The lives of Filipinos in Hawaii are much better now. There are more opportunities for Filipinos now because of them. This is what the FilCom Center is all about."

Achievers

In 1946, the second wave of Filipinos migrated to Hawaii. It was composed of 6,000 men, 435 women, and 989 children.

In 1965, Filipino professionals started arriving in the state.

Since then, many Filipinos and Filipino-Americans have brought pride to the Philippines through their accomplishments.

Miss America 2001 Angela Baraquio, baseball player Benny Agbayani, Olympic boxer Brian Viloria, Dr. Jorge Camara, the first to conduct eye surgery through telemedicine, and Mario Ramil and Simeon Acoba, associate justices of the Hawaii Supreme Court, are just a few.

Abinsay, a two-termer at Hawaii's House of Representatives, is yet another of these achievers.

His story is that of a "typical" Filipino migrant's struggle. His hard work and determination as well as the help he got from other people made him what he is now.

This Vigan native migrated to Hawaii in 1975. He left behind his girlfriend Elizabeth, then a medical student, promising to come back for her after he had settled in America and she had completed her studies.

He chose to live in Hawaii because of its weather, its people, and its proximity to the Philippines.

"There's a sense of belonging there, just like in the Philippines," he said. "And the houses there are built close to each other. We could come together on short notice."

Abinsay worked as an inventory clerk—a menial job for someone who held a bachelor's degree in business administration. But, like many Filipinos who chose to live in the United States, he took the job and did it well.

He was promoted to payroll clerk, then to accountant. Ultimately he rose from the ranks to become a vice president of the company he worked for.

Then he put up his own business—a printing shop.

Sometime in between, he returned to the Philippines to marry Elizabeth. Then he took her to Hawaii where they started a family.

Assistance

Elizabeth spent many years trying to get into a residency program in US hospitals, but it was only through the help of a doctor-couple, who had ordered business cards from Abinsay's printing shop, that she finally got accepted by a New Jersey hospital.

That kind assistance, from people who did not even know them personally, further spurred Abinsay to help others. He was by then already active in community work.

In 1995, there was a sudden opening in Hawaii's House of Representatives with the death of the incumbent.

Abinsay lived in that legislative district, and, encouraged by friends, he decided to enter politics. Cayetano appointed him to the vacant post.

He ran for the post in 1996 and has since been elected twice.

He said he was always present during legislative sessions so he could learn things and, in the process, accomplish more for the community.

"For some, politics is dirty," Abinsay said. "For me, politics is a noble profession if things are done right."

FilCom Center

Aside from his legislative duties, one of which resulted in the creation of the Filipino Centennial Celebration Commission, Abinsay was busy with other tasks, including the establishment of the FilCom Center.

There were three previous attempts to put up such a center in Hawaii, but all of them failed because there was no land available, Abinsay said.

The fourth try was a success. In 1998, the AmFac company donated a piece of land where the Oahu Sugar Mill was located in recognition of the Filipino plantation workers' sacrifices and contribution to Hawaii society.

The project organizers then gathered the Filipinos in Hawaii and asked them to mobilize their own communities to solicit funds from various groups. Next stops were the state and city governments and nonprofit organizations and foundations to seek more funding.

Even non-Filipinos were involved in the project.

Finally, the group was able to raise $14.2 million—and a dream was realized and inaugurated last June 11.

The center is more than just a place for social gatherings. It has several programs going for the whole, not just the Filipino, community, and for the youth.

Recently, Hawaii's health department awarded a grant to the FilCom Center for a substance abuse prevention program for Filipino youths in the Kahili area.

Motherland

But the work is not over for these Filipinos who care for their mother country although they are already citizens of another.

There are efforts to organize a large group of Filipinos in Hawaii to visit the Philippines next year in line with the Department of Tourism's "Wow Philippines" project.

Abinsay wants Fil-Am parents to bring children to the motherland not only to bond with their relatives here and but also to realize what the older generation has gone through for their future.

He hopes the Philippine government will enact the dual citizenship bill so Filipinos abroad can invest in the country and not just send money home—a practice that only encourages handouts, he said.

"It will empower Filipinos, create employment for them," Abinsay said. "And, in the process, Filipinos will create their own income."

When dinner was good, but the company even better

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For the record, she said Deputy Director General Edgardo Aglipay Jr. would return to his old job as deputy chief of the Philippine National Police for operations.

She said she understood that Aglipay would feel bad because he did stop several rallies and "destabilization attempts" while he was in office.

She said she had no plan to replace Lina.

The President's voice hardened somewhat when she was asked about Cecille Alvarez's supposed threat to do a Linda Montayre if her husband, the yet unconfirmed Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez, were replaced. (Montayre, of the People's Consultative Assembly, is a constant critic of Ms Macapagal.)

"I think it was wrong for her to say that," the President said.

To the question of whether that would be a factor in Alvarez's fate, her reply was immediate: "Yes."

The President's version of the inside story on Vice President Teofisto Guingona's resignation was off the record.

As she had just come from Guingona's birthday party that night, the initial talk went that way.

She denied that she had had a falling-out with the Vice President. She also said she had not spoken with Sen. Blas Ople, to whom certain Palace officials had offered the foreign affairs portfolio.

"You will be surprised. People talk and talk and I just learn about it later," she said, adding that certain people sounded out prospective appointees "before telling me."

Only when she was asked did she say how Malacañang came to pre-empt Guingona's resignation. But she said she settled matters with him when they talked in Davao City Monday night.

Asked if Guingona had complained about the meddling of the "Sikatuna group" led by former Foreign Secretary Roberto Romulo, the President again said: ``I don't think Tito would want me to talk about what we talked about."

The Inquirer editors dropped the question.

To the question of Romulo's role in her administration, she praised him for facilitating her discussions with foreign governments and businessmen.

"He has a very good network. He opened a lot of doors," she said, adding that Romulo put together her International Council of Business Advisers.

Asked if Romulo was the de facto foreign secretary, Ms Macapagal said: "No, (but) he gives me advice."

She said Romulo, her adviser on international competitiveness, had turned down her offer to be ambassador to the United States.

The President did not reply when asked if Guingona had helped her in the same way that Romulo did.

She said she had offered Guingona a Cabinet post as "overlord of Mindanao"—"the best thing for him."

She showed only a hint of irritation at some "perceptions," including that on her supposed early preparations for the 2004 elections.

Otherwise, she easily answered all questions.

Arroyo

Even with an upset stomach, Arroyo answered a few questions on his recruitment of three of Joseph Estrada's trusted aides—Ronaldo Puno, Ricardo Puno and Jaime Policarpio.

He said he broached the topic to the three men while they were playing golf.

"I just asked them, *Tumulong naman kayo kung pwede kayong tumulong* (Please help us if you can)," he said.

He insisted that "there was no offer" of a government post for any of them: "So far there is nothing, no agreement, no *quid pro quo.* Nothing."

When pressed on what roles he had in mind for the three men, Arroyo turned to his wife and said: "I don't know. You ask the President."

At which point the President said: "I was thinking of asking Ronnie (Ronaldo Puno) to help me in the anti-drug campaign as a consultant."

She said she did not know enough about the younger Puno (Ricardo). She did not mention Policarpio.

Arroyo said he had also managed to convince another trusted Estrada aide to jump ship. But he declined to identify the aide.

"There's one more, another guy who can be an asset," he said, adding that he did not refer to any of the opposition senators.

The First Couple denied that they would tap Ricardo Puno's skills for Ms Macapagal's supposed reelection bid in 2004.

After Arroyo has excused himself, the President said she was not pleased with perceptions that he was actively recruiting from the Estrada camp supposedly for the 2004 polls.

"Well, frankly, I think he should not have allowed himself to be interviewed," she said.

She also said she was not prioritizing 2004, contrary to what people were saying.

"That's why I say the reason I said I make political mistakes left and right, as in the perception of people, is that, in my guidelines for doing what I do, it's not really very high up," she said. "Because if it were very high up in my guidelines, I would be politically correct all the time."

Romulo et al.

Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, National Security Adviser Roilo Golez, acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable and advisers Joey Rufino and Conrado Limcaoco were present at the dinner.

It was Golez who had earlier broached the idea of another dinner with the President.

Last June 29, Golez invited Inquirer editors to Malacañang for dinner. Inquirer president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez offered to host the dinner at the newspaper's office for a change.

Ms Macapagal, whose most recent visit to the Inquirer was in December last year on the occasion of its founding anniversary, agreed—but insisted on footing the bill.

Dishing out a tribute for the culinary guru

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for her culinary writings, a pursuit she embarked on with her husband Wili and continued even after his death. She had a following among people blissed-out by the prospect of a good dining experience.

She wrote the books "Tikim: Essays on Philippine Food and Culture," "Fruits of the Philippines" and "Palayok: Philippine Food Through Time, On Site, In the Pot," and co-authored with Edilberto N. Alegre a series on dining in Manila and the provinces called "Lasa" and "Sarap: Essays on Philippine Food; Kinilaw: A Philippine Cuisine of Freshness."

Family, colleagues and friends filled the Cultural Center's main lobby to pay tribute to Fernandez, who was the Inquirer food columnist since 1986 up to the time of her death.

A concelebrated Mass was said by Bernardo Ma. Perez, O.S.B., the former San Beda College rector, with three priests from the Ateneo de Manila University, where Fernandez taught for almost 30 years—Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., Mario Francisco, S.J. and Joey Cruz, S.J.

In his homily, Fr. Perez called Fernandez an "even-tempered genius" while Ateneo president Nebres paid tribute to her gifts of writing, culture and centering.

CCP chair Baltazar N. Endriga spoke of how Fernandez, who was a member of the CCP board of trustees, helped him with his speeches and Bien Lumbera quoted from his introduction to Fernandez's book on Iloilo theater.

Inquirer founding chair Eugenia D. Apostol spoke of a "seamless friendship" with Fernandez to which "there is no end despite what happened at the New York Presbyterian Hospital," a friendship that she sealed with a kiss of a white cattleya she offered before the urn containing Fernandez's cremated remains.

Joonee Gamboa and Cecilia B. Garrucho read "Let Me Say Goodbye" a poem written by Salvador Bernal for Doreen at the time of her husband Wili's death.

Tenor Randy Gilongo sang Leopoldo Silos' "Lagi Kang Naaalala," with Tony Maigue on the flute and Butch Roxas on the guitar. Artists from Tanghalang Pilipino, accompanied on the cello by Renato Lucas, read e-mailed tributes to Fernandez sent from all over the world.

Fernandez's sister Della Besa read a letter from the doctors of the Makati Medical Center where Doreen was confined for a long time early last year. The letter thanked Fernandez for keeping her promise to return to the MMC and give a writing and grammar workshop to the doctors.

Brother Danilo L. Gamboa responded on behalf of their 94-year-old mother Alicia and the rest of the family.

"Her life was complete and she lived it as exuberantly as she would have wanted," he said. "Her life was a celebration of good taste and warm company."

The formal tribute ended with the Philippine Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra's rendition of Nicanor Abelardo's "Pahimakas," with Cecinio Ronquilo conducting.

'My duty to accept'

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opposition-led majority in the Senate on July 22.

House Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II had this to say of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos' labor minister: "*Ano siya, hilo* (Is he dreaming)? Unless he wants to humor us, that is politically unrealistic."

Gonzales said that if Ople would not be instrumental in breaking the Senate impasse in favor of the administration, there would be no logic in giving him the foreign affairs portfolio.

But Bulacan Rep. Willie Villarama, who met with Ople in Los Angeles the other day to convince him to accept the DFA post, came to the senator's defense.

"That is a principled move," said Villarama, to whom Ople had earlier expressed his "non-negotiable" stand.

Villarama, a long-time aide of Ople in the past and who was Ms Macapagal's chief of staff when she was Vice President, said it was in Ople's character not to abandon his colleagues just to curry favor with the government. He expressed the belief that the senator would get the post.

Great honor

Ople said he heard that his name had been mentioned as the President's choice for the post that Guingona would vacate on July 15.

"This is of course a very great honor considering that the office had been occupied by the most distinguished Filipinos from Apolinario Mabini to Claro M. Recto, Carlos P. Garcia, Carlos P. Romulo and Teofisto Guingona," he said in his statement.

"But as I have already indicated, this invitation, if it is forthcoming, should not be tied up to the internal reorganization of the Senate, which must remain independent as mandated by the Constitution," he said.

Ople also said the DFA post would give him "an unprecedented opportunity to serve the country in a sensitive and profoundly important field, that of foreign relations, which is ultimately related to our national sovereignty, development, security, dignity and honor in the community of nations."

He said he was "not beholden to any interest except the paramount interest of the Filipino people."

The opposition bloc led by Sen. Edgardo Angara had designated Ople Senate president pro tempore. He presided over a three-day session in the chamber after it was adjourned *sine die* last month by Senate President Franklin Drilon.

Political solution

But if there were indeed an offer from Malacañang to Ople, it is being viewed as a solution to the impasse caused by the move of the Senate opposition bloc to wrest power from the Drilon-led majority, Gonzales pointed out.

"And rightly so because a political problem merits a political solution," he said. "Assuming it is a move to break the impasse in the Senate, it is a politically correct move."

He said the President should not be faulted for wanting to appoint Ople to the DFA because the fate of her legislative agenda hung in the balance.

"We cannot deny that, so instead of criticizing the President, I will support her because she has to take all steps necessary for the good of the country," he said.

Negros Occidental Rep. Jun Lozada said the President would be mindful of the public reaction to Ople as possible DFA chief.

"I think she's aware of the interpretations of other people, so it is really her call. The decision is entirely up to her," Lozada said.

Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay Jr., also of Lakas, threw his support behind Ople's appointment.

"If it is good for the country, why not? The President should make the offer to Senator Ople without hesitation," he said.

Pichay also said Ople's appointment would help solve the Senate impasse: "You hit two birds with one stone. That is what we call political will."

Exercise in futility

But Bukidnon Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri, a member of the group of young congressmen called "Spice Boys," said Ople's stand was "absurd."

Zubiri urged Malacañang not to go ahead with Ople's appointment, saying it would be "an exercise in futility" and would break the ruling Lakas-NUCD.

"I think the advisers of the President should rethink their position," Zubiri told the INQUIRER. "It will not only put a wider rift in the administration party, it will also cause frustration among those who feel strongly for what we fought for—good governance and the politics of performance."

He also said that, "with all due respect" to Ople, "there are those of equal status with an equal amount of experience who can fill the vacancy without compromising political favors."

RP to wow tourists in 2003

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Gordon announced at the Tourism-Related Industry Congress here Friday that the World Tourism Organization (WTOO) had picked the country as its International Tourism Destination for 2003.

He did not specify when the WTOO made its choice known, but said the Philippines should take this as an opportunity to push its prime destinations through Visit Philippines 2003.

He said the government and the people should work hand in hand to ensure the success of the endeavor, but added that the government should do its part to make the country safe.

Gordon also said the people should start talking about good things in the Philippines, and not just the problems that had been besetting Filipinos for years.

"Let us change the perception about our country," he told his audience composed of congress participants as well as Northern Mindanao government executives and other officials. "Let us start talking nice things about us if we want to improve our economy (through) tourism."

The WTOO, which was founded on Jan. 2, 1975, to promote peace and economic development through tourism, groups at least 131 countries and maintains its headquarters in Madrid. Its current secretary general is Italian Francesco Frangialli.

"Every year (it) endorses one country as a tourism destination, and we are so glad that it has endorsed us (for next year)," Gordon said. "That is the reason we are preparing for the Visit Philippines 2003."

For this year, the international tourism body endorsed Japan and Korea, sites of the recent World Cup competition won by Brazil.

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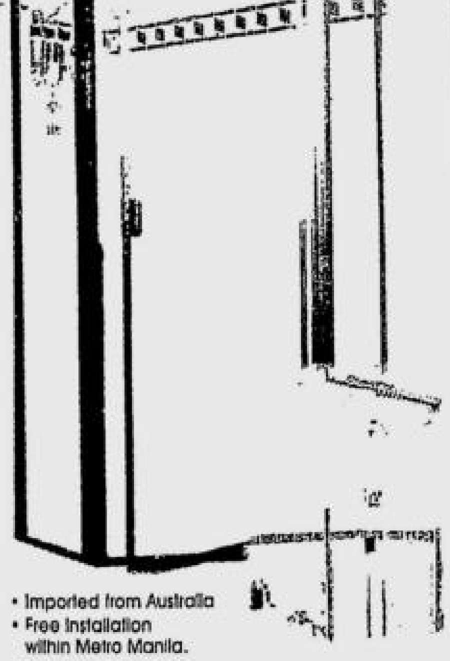

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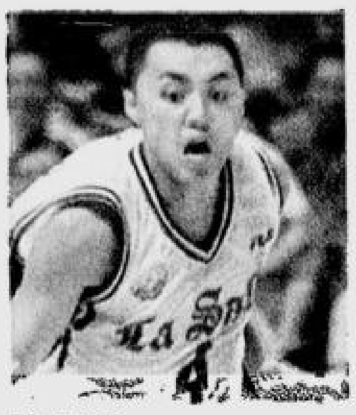


RITUALO

La Salle retires Ritualo's jersey No. 4

By Dennis U. Eroa

IN APPRECIATION for his sterling collegiate career, UAAP powerhouse La Salle will retire Ren Ren Ritualo's playing jersey No. 4 in fitting ceremonies on Wednesday at the Taft campus.

The 6-foot-1 Ritualo, whose father Florendo Sr. played with the Philippine team and the PBA, helped the Green Archers achieve the UAAP four-peat. Ritualo, whose mother Baby is a former philosophy teacher from UE, is now playing for the FedEx Express in the pro league.

A proven scorer, Ritualo's also being lauded as role model for aspiring cagers because of his work ethics. It is normal for the Laguna native to put in extra practice hours.

"La Salle is proud and honored to be a part Ren Ren's basketball and academic career," said La Salle team manager Terry Capistrano. "The whole La Sallian community is thankful."

Also a member of the national basketball training team, Ritualo played for the final time for the Green Archers who edged the Ateneo Blue Eagles in a titanic championship clash at the Araneta Coliseum. Aside from landing in the mythical selection, Ritualo shared the finals MVP award given by the UAAP Press Corps.

Before strutting his wares in La Salle, Ritualo lifted the San Beda Red Cubs under Ato Badolato to countless NCAA and national secondary titles.

He also sizzled in the PBL as a member of grand slammer Welcoat Paints.

"I would like to thank La Salle for its tremendous support on and off the basketball court. I'm a better person because of La Salle," said Ritualo. Ritualo became the second Green Archer after Lim Eng Beng (1974, No. 14) to have his jersey retired.

Hewitt hammers Henman

'Our Tim' no match vs world No. 1

WIMBLEDON, England—Scrambling along the brown baseline, Lleyton Hewitt lofted a lob that curled over Tim Henman and floated down, barely in. Applause rang out.

By the end, Hewitt's magical play had to be admired even by the 13,000 or so fans trying to will a British man into a Wimbledon final for the first time since 1938.

Alas, "Our Tim" never had a chance against the No. 1-ranked Hewitt, who conjured up 41 winners to just nine unforced errors and picked apart Henman's serve-and-volley game 7-5, 6-1, 7-5 on Friday.

Hewitt heads to his first title match at the All England Club. Henman exits in the semifinals for the fourth time in five years.

"I got on a roll—the ball seemed to be as big as a football out there," U.S. Open champion Hewitt said. "It was hitting the middle of the racket. It was a pretty good feeling."

Favorite

He'll be an overwhelming favorite for Sunday's final, no matter the opponent. Hewitt faces the winner of the rain-interrupted semi between No. 27 Xavier Malisse and No. 28 David Nalbandian.

That match resumes with the fifth set Saturday, at the same time that two-time defending champion Venus Williams plays younger sister Serena for the women's title. It's the third all-Williams final in the last four Grand Slam tournaments.

Malisse, clutching his chest, was examined by the trainer and tournament director after the fifth game of the match. He left the court after the first set for further medical checks lasting eight minutes.

Nalbandian won the first two sets, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4. But Malisse, appearing back to full strength, won the next two, 6-1, 6-2, and seemed to have the match in his hands when play was suspended.

Styles

Henman tried to switch styles against Hewitt, against whom he's now 0-6: staying back on first serves, coming in on second serves, swapping baseline strokes.

"Well, as the scoreline suggests, not a lot did work, did it?" Henman said.

As Hewitt put it: "The last few games, he really didn't know what to do."

The Australian stuck with what in 2001, at 20, made him the youngest year-end No. 1: sharp service returns, solid baseline play, and a never-give-up-on-a-ball attitude that keeps his legs constantly churning. His shoes shuffling along the worn grass and dirt behind the baseline sounded like sandpaper on wood.

Henman's loss also put off plans by Queen Elizabeth II to watch Henman in action. The last she attended Wimbledon was in 1977 on her 25th silver jubilee when she presented the women's trophy to Virginia Wade. That was also the last time a British player won a singles title.

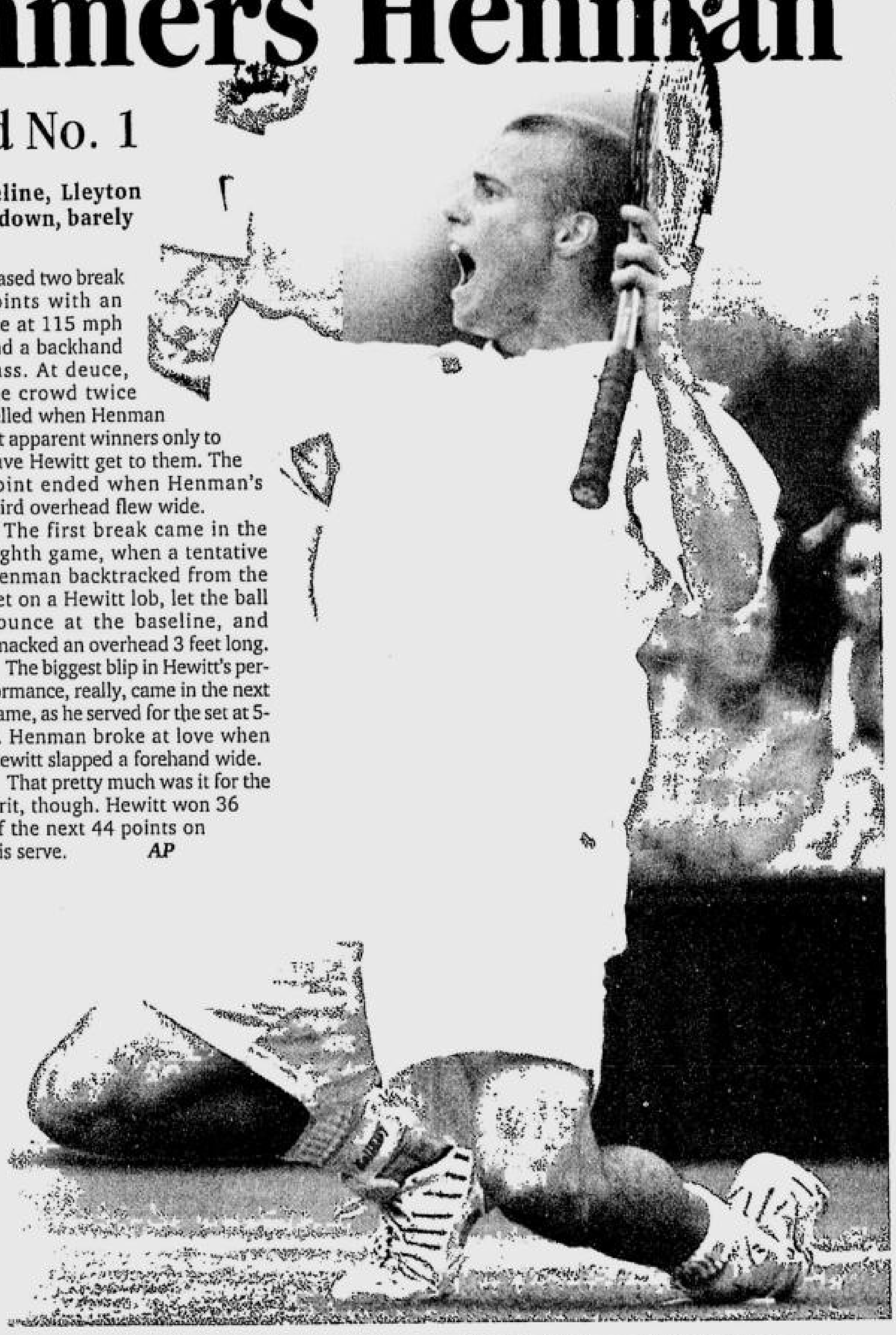
With Union Jacks and the English flag of St. George flapping, fans did what they could to boost Henman, clapping at each Hewitt miscue, including a double fault in the third game.

There were few such mistakes. In the fifth game, Hewitt erased two break points with an ace at 115 mph and a backhand pass. At deuce, the crowd twice yelled when Henman hit apparent winners only to have Hewitt get to them. The point ended when Henman's third overhead flew wide.

The first break came in the eighth game, when a tentative Henman backtracked from the net on a Hewitt lob, let the ball bounce at the baseline, and smacked an overhead 3 feet long.

The biggest blip in Hewitt's performance, really, came in the next game, as he served for the set at 5-3. Henman broke at love when Hewitt slapped a forehand wide.

That pretty much was it for the Brit, though. Hewitt won 36 of the next 44 points on his serve. *AP*



HEWITT roars in delight after frustrating Henman, 7-5, 6-1, 7-5, to reach the Wimbledon men's singles final, his first at the All England Club. AP

NBL-MBA partnership welcomed

By Roy Luarca

THE METROPOLITAN Basketball Association need not search for a partner. The National Basketball League is willing to forge a partnership or, at the least, a working agreement with the MBA.

Seeing in the MBA a strong ally toward basketball grassroots development, NBL Commisssioner Fritz Gaston yesterday said he is willing to explore all avenues with MBA leaders to make it a reality.

The NBL, duly recognized by the Basketball Association of the Philippines and sanctioned to repreresent the country in regional and international competitions, wants to expand its base to the countryside and the MBA fills that need.

In return, the NBL has a foothold in Metro Manila with its teams coming from the commercial and collegiate ranks.

Spring Cooking Oil, which represented the country in past Southeast Asia Basketball Association tournaments including the recent Inter-Club championships in Kuala Lumpur, is among the member teams of the NBL.

Gaston said the young and upcoming players of the NBL could provide the MBA with a rich reservoir of talents. The MBA, on the other hand, would help develop the capabilites of NBL players to the fullest. *Roy Luarca*

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1989, Joann Chan tallied 330 points to set a new RP mark in single 60 meters in the 35th world archery championship in Lausanne, Switzerland. Also today in 1992, James dela Cruz notched 3761 pins to win the Masters title in the 2nd SMBC-TCBA Open tenpin championship at SM Center in Quezon City.

RP bowlers land 2nd

HONG KONG—Filipino keglers failed to make the finals of both the men and women's masters at the close of the 17th Asian Tenpin Bowling Championships at the SCAA Bowling Center here yesterday.

Youthful Liza Clutario tried but missed the championship round of the women's masters, losing by just two pins to Australia's Kate Wilson, 3320-3318, for the third and last spot in the stepladder finals.

Liza del Rosario, one of two gold medalists in the week-long meet featuring the best bowlers from 22 Asian countries, also made headway but could only finish at sixth place with a total of 3275 pinfalls while two notches below was Ces Yap with her 3253 total.

The duo of Biboy Rivera (3231) and CJ Suarez (3187) placed 12th and 13th, respectively, in the men's masters.

But with three golds—two by Del Rosario and one by the tandem of Rivera and Chester King—one silver and two bronze medals, the RP squad finished a strong second behind Korea in the final standings, making the Filipino bowlers among the country's medal hopefuls in the coming Asian Games in Busan, South Korea. *Dennis U. Eroa*

Karting series July 13-14

CEBUANO Jan Jan Gonzales of Futura Racing and Michael Yap of Tuason Racing-Team Oxygen hope to firm up their lead in their respective classes as the 2002 Shell Karting Super Series holds its sixth leg on July 13-14 at the Batangas Racing Circuit.

Gonzales holds a five-leg total of 187 points and another win will fortify his title chances in the Formula SL Light class over Indy Villalon (128), Kendrick Sy (124) and Tim Gosnell (116).

Yap, on the other hand, enjoys a huge margin in the Formula SL Heavy category over Ricardo Loi (114), Dennis Almuete (110) and Jerome Montemayor (108).

Changes on the track, however, will surely affect the driver's chances of winning in this event sponsored by Pilipinas Shell, Casino Filipino, Bridgestone, Zed, Nokia, and Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office through Chairman Honeygirl de Leon.

'Fistorama' fights today

SAN MIGUEL Beer's Fistorama today features the fight between RP rated No. 4 super featherweight Ranee Ganoy of Mandaluyong and RP rated No. 2 super featherweight Joebar Damasmog of Manila in the 130 lb. weight division.

The other featured match is between Glen Donaire of Gen. Santos City and Alvin Yacub of Navotas Malabon fighting in the 108 lb. division.

The fights were held recently at the state-of-the-art Joe Cantada Boxing Arena in Taguig, Metro Manila in a fight card promoted by Edgardo "Boy" Cantada. Fistorama is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and presented by San Miguel Beer.

Sorenstam, Inkster, Diaz share lead

HUTCHINSON, Kansas —After a tearful farewell from Nancy Lopez and a shocking departure by Karrie Webb, the US Women's Open shifted into a survival mode Friday.

To no one's surprise, Annika Sorenstam handled it better than anyone.

Sorenstam was the only player to break par in the hot, blustery afternoon at Prairie Dunes, shooting a 1-under 69 that gave her a share of the lead with Juli Inkster and Laura Diaz.

The most dominant player in women's golf was at her best on a brutally tough day, first by keeping the leaders in her sights, then by surging to the top with three birdies on her final six holes.

Sorenstam and Inkster each made bogey on the final hole and finished at 139.

It was an emotional moment for Lopez, who brought life to women's golf in the late 1970s and remains the LPGA Tour's most popular player. Lopez never won a Women's Open, four times a runner-up, and she had no chance at this one.

She finished with a 79, a free flow of tears and an enormous ovation.

Meanwhile, Filipina Jenny Rosales carded a two-over-par 72 and moved up to a tie for 17th place after 36 holes.

Rosales, 23, survived the brutal conditions at the Prairie Dunes Country Club course in Hutchinson, Kansas to not only make the cut for the third straight LPGA event but give herself a shot at women's golf's biggest prize of $520,000 (about P26 million).

Dorothy Joy Delasin also sneaked into the final two rounds, joining Korean Se Ri Pak and 10 others who tied for the final two spots. The former LPGA Rookie of the Year shot a 73 for a 149 aggregate. *With a report from Jong Arcano*

Cook 2 shots up

LEMONT, Ill.—John Cook is 44 and has been on the PGA Tour for 23 years. He's got a 16-year-old son who can outdrive him and a neighbor by the name of Tiger Woods who is leading golf's youth movement. Cook made birdies on three of his last four holes Friday to take a two-stroke lead after the second round of the Western Open. His 6-under 66 tied for the second-best score of the day, and he hasn't had a bogey since his first hole of the tournament. *AP*

16-day moratorium

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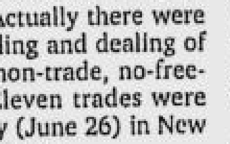


Henry Liao

FROM July 1 to 16, NBA teams are not allowed to make player trades. Neither are they permitted to sign free agents although negotiations with them may start and parties can come to terms in principle.

During this time, only players selected in the NBA draft can be signed. This is because the draftees carry salaries fixed by the league under the rookie wage scale. First-round draft choices are guaranteed three-year contracts worth $2 million to $ 11million.

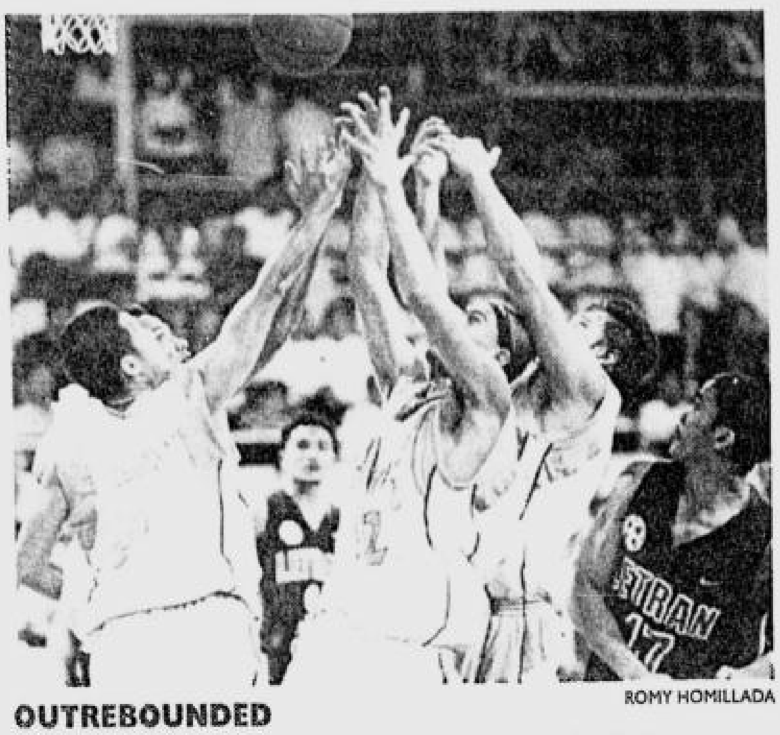
The 16-day moratorium is being imposed to allow NBA lawyers and executives to compute financial figures that determine the league-wide salary cap, which is a percentage of basketball-related income, and the luxury-tax threshold for the 2002-2003 season.

The new cap figures is expected to be slightly higher than last season's $42.5 million and early estimates of next year's luxury-tax threshold are pegged at around $60 million (meaning clubs that exceed a certain figure above the salary cap will have to pay a dollar-for-dollar tax to the league).

Expect a lot of fireworks once the moratorium is lifted on July 17. Actually there were already a number of wheeling and dealing of players days prior to the non-trade, no-free-agent-signing ceasefire. Eleven trades were consummated on Draft Day (June 26) in New York involving 11 veteran players.

Those changing residences were forward-center Marcus Camby and guard Mark Jackson, whom New York sent along with No. 1 draft pick Maybyner 'Nene' Hilario (No. 7 selection overall) to Denver for forward Antonio McDyess and the Nuggets' fist-round draftee Frank Williams (No. 25); guard Lindsey Hunter, whom the three-time reigning NBA champion LA Lakers peddled along with No. 1 draft pick Chris Jefferies (No. 27) to Toronto for forward Tracy Murray and the Raptors' first-rounder Kareem Rush (No. 20); forward-center Mark Bryant and guard Speedy Claxton, whom Philadelphia shipped to San Antonio for the Spurs' draft selections John Salmons (No. 25) and Randy Holcomb (No. 57); and swingman Wesley Person, whom Cleveland traded to Memphis for swingman Nick Anderson and the Grizzlies' draft choices Matt Barnes (No. 46).

On June 25 (or a day before the draft), the Washington Wizards also sent guard Courtney Alexander to the New Orleans Hornets in exchange for their first-round draft choice this year (No. 17 overall).



ROMY HOMILLADA

OUTREBOUNDED

Three PCU dribblers (from left)—James Legayada, Nelson Gatdula and Bernzon Franzo—outrebound Harold Sta. Cruz (partly hidden) of Letran during their NCAA men's basketball tournament tussle last Friday at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum. PCU won, 67-56.

Duat, Arigo wax hot as Aces rip Express

GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
3:45 p.m.—Talk N Text vs Ginebra
5:45 p.m.—Selecta-RP vs Sta. Lucia

By June Navarro

ALASKA sizzled on a cold and rainy day to scuttle Federal Express, 82-73, and force a three-way tie at second place in the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup at the Araneta Coliseum last night.

Workhorse Rob Duat and John Arigo took the spotlight from imports Chris Carawell and Ajani Williams as they alternated in heating things up for the Aces.

Duat, an 11th hour acquisition from San Miguel Beer in exchange for sniper Bryan Gahol, lit the scoreboards for the Aces as he finished with a career-high 15 points, six rebounds, three assists and a couple of steals that doused the Express' fiery stand in the final quarter.

Arigo also proved his worth, coming up with 17 decisive points to complement the 34-point production of Carawell and Williams.

Meanwhile, the Asian Games-bound Selecta-RP Team tries to keep its winning run going today against the Sta. Lucia Realtors, who, surprisingly will be parading MBA superstar Chris Clay to replace Willie Farley.

Shell halted Batang Red Bull's streak with an 82-81 squeaker in the nightcap. The Turbo Chargers broke into the win column after four tries, while The Thunder dropped to 3-1 in a tie with Talk N Text, Coca-Cola and Alaska.

Scores:

ALASKA 82—Carawell 20, Arigo 17, Duat 15, Williams 14, Allado 9, Peek 5, Santos 2.

FEDEX 73—Pierre-Louis 25, Walker 21, Ritualo 8, De Ocampo 7, Pumaren 5, Codinera 4, Arboleda 3, Simon 0.

Quarters: 18-20, 42-30, 62-55, 82-73.

Torre team gains semis

SAN Fernando, Pampanga—Grandmaster Eugene Torre-led Basilan routed Laguna (Gov. Lazaro), 3-1, yesterday to clinch a semifinals seat in the 2002 National Inter-Provincial Chess Team Championship at the Robinson's Starmills here.

The win gave Basilan seven points after eight rounds, ahead by one over closest pursuer La Union, which posted a similar 3-1 victory over Rizal.

With 5.5 points each are Bataan "A," Laguna (Calamba), Bohol (San Miguel), and Bulacan (Russians).

Torre, who powered Mt. Province to the title last year, subdued NM John Paul Gomez in 28 moves, while Macapagal Paguital followed suit with a victory over Noel dela Cruz in Board 4. NM Rolando Nolte and Rex Ami drew their matches to complete the rout for Basilan.

Basilan goes through the motion of completing its assignments when it tackles Negros Occidental in today's final round.

Roy Luarca

RACING TIPS

AT SANTA ANA
BY MR. 999

Race 1—1. Vhingget 2. Earl Grey/Montpellier
Race 2—1. Cash McCall 2. St. Emilion 3. Party Princess 4. Star na Star 5. Half Moon Princess
Race 3—1. Strawberry Joy 2. Bohemyo 3. Michael's Way 4. Doctor's Steve
Race 4—1. Mica's Magic 2. What a Spell
Race 5—1. Silky Sullivan 2. Proud Spirit 3. Il Amorosa 4. Belle D Amour
Race 6—1. Terrific 2. Accurized 3. Desert Deb
Race 7—1. Silver Gray 2. Stradivarius 3. Fair Ringer 4. Grand Dancer 5. Wing Commander
Race 8—1. Be Quiet 2. Materiales Fuertes
Race 9—1. Spinning Bullet 2. Anytime Anywhere 3. Golden Quest 4. Max's Princess
Race 10—1. Breakaway Artist 2. Real Charm 3. Count Me In 4. Reverie 5. Sekreta
Race 11—1. Arriba King 2. Dream Play 3. Gutmoore
Race 12—1. Jackpot 2. Baby Love 3. Shuttle's Magic 4. Zenie's Pride 5. Due Process
Race 13—1. Slew's Pleasure 2. Don't Tell Me 3. Hole in One
Race 14—1. Traktora 2. Thundering Dunk 3. Adam's Call 4. Fortius 5. Remarkable 6. Compañero

Challengers abound, but Lance still picked

LUXEMBOURG—Upstart rivals will be eager to wrest his racing crown, but Lance Armstrong is set to begin the 89th edition of the Tour de France on Saturday as the overwhelming favorite to win a fourth consecutive title in cycling's premier event.

The stage is set for Armstrong to become the first American to win four Tours, surpassing fellow three-time winner Greg LeMond. The 30-year-old Texan recently won two warmup events, his leading rivals have been sidelined because of injuries or doping allegations, and his supporting cast of U.S. Postal Service teammates are in better shape than ever.

There are variables–such as the prospect of crashes, strategic missteps or unfavorable weather–but the smart money is on Armstrong, and even his biggest competitors acknowledge that this year's Tour is within his grasp.

"We're confident, we're strong physically and mentally, and we're coming off the best June that the team has ever had," said Dan Osipow, director of operations for U.S. Postal.

A total of 21 teams are to take part in the event, which begins at 4 p.m. (1400 GMT) Saturday with a 7-kilometer (4.2-mile) individual time trial in Luxembourg. Weather service Meteo France forecast rain over Luxembourg for the start of the 21-day competition. ***AP***

SPORTS ON TV

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TENNIS: Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships, Day #12 Highlights at 8 a.m. (r – 3 p.m.), Day 12 - Ladies Singles Final, Men's and Mixed Double Finals at 10 a.m. (r), Day 13 - Men's Singles Final and Ladies Doubles Final at 8:30 p.m. on Star Sports

MOTOR SPORTS: 2002 F1 Qualifying - British Grand Prix Qualifying at 9 a.m. (r) on Star Sports

Mourning Boston Red Sox lose

BOSTON—On the night they mourned the death of Ted Williams with black armbands and a moment of silence, the Boston Red Sox lost to the Detroit Tigers, 9-5 Friday.

Williams' retired No. 9 was etched by a lawn mower in the left-field grass, where the Hall of Famer played, and the center-field flag hung at half-staff.

And the game began nine minutes late because of the moment of silence, a trumpeter playing taps and a two-minute video of Williams, who died in Florida of cardiac arrest Friday morning at the age of 83.

Williams, revered and sometimes reviled as the "Splendid Splinter," was baseball's last .400 hitter.

Rookie Ramon Santiago had a career-high three RBIs and five Tigers had two hits each.

Mark Redman (4-8) held the Red Sox scoreless through four innings. Frank Castillo (5-9) took the loss.

Complete results:

AMERICAN LEAGUE—Detroit 9, Boston 5; N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 3; Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 2; Texas 7, Baltimore 6; Oakland 4, Kansas City 3; Minnesota 8, Seattle 4; Anaheim 6, Tampa Bay 5, 10 innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE—N.Y. Mets 5, Florida 3; Pittsburgh 4, Houston 3; Montreal 8, Philadelphia 3; Cincinnati 8, Milwaukee 6; Atlanta 4, Chicago Cubs 3; Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 5; Colorado 9, San Diego 6; Arizona 2, San Francisco 1. ***AP***

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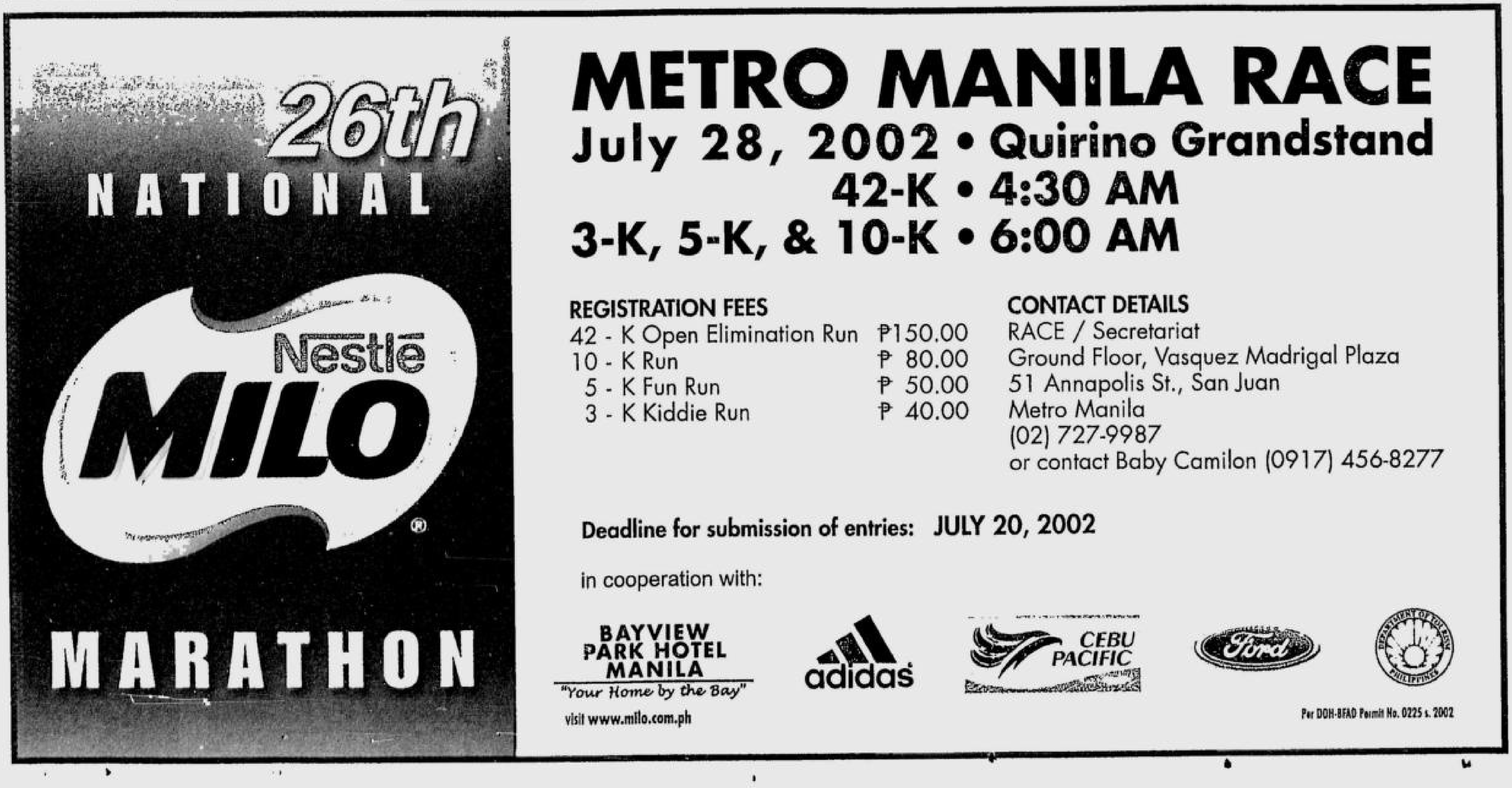

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METRO

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

No-left-turn's first day 'smooth' despite rains

By Leila Salaverria

NEITHER the heavy downpour nor the floods that swamped the metropolis yesterday stopped the Metro Manila Development Authority from putting into effect its no-left-turn policy on Edsa and C-5 Road.

The new rule was implemented at the Kamias-Kamuning, Timog-East Avenue and Santolan-Boni Serrano intersections along Edsa and at some intersections of the C-5 Road.

MMDA Traffic Operations Director Ernesto Camarillo said that as of yesterday afternoon, the policy's implementation went on without any major glitches.

"We've experienced a relatively smooth traffic flow," Camarillo said.

Camarillo and other traffic officials personally went to the affected intersections to help advise motorists about the new rules and direct them to alternative routes.

He said the rain and flooding might have induced motorists to simply stay home, leaving the MMDA with relatively fewer vehicles to guide.

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HER ROUTES

RIGHT away, says rained-on cop to Edsa drivers to implement no-left-turn rule.

DENNIS SABANGAN

Education is birthright, says teacher

By Senen Bravo

TALES OF THE CITY

MIRIAM V. Del Rosario, 44, has always believed that every child is entitled to quality education.

Coming from a poor family, she studied hard to obtain a mass communication degree from De La Salle Bacolod. A family friend lent her P78 so she could apply for a university scholarship.

"I will always be grateful to her," says Del Rosario of that friend.

After briefly writing for a daily newspaper, she studied for a master's degree in Special Educa-

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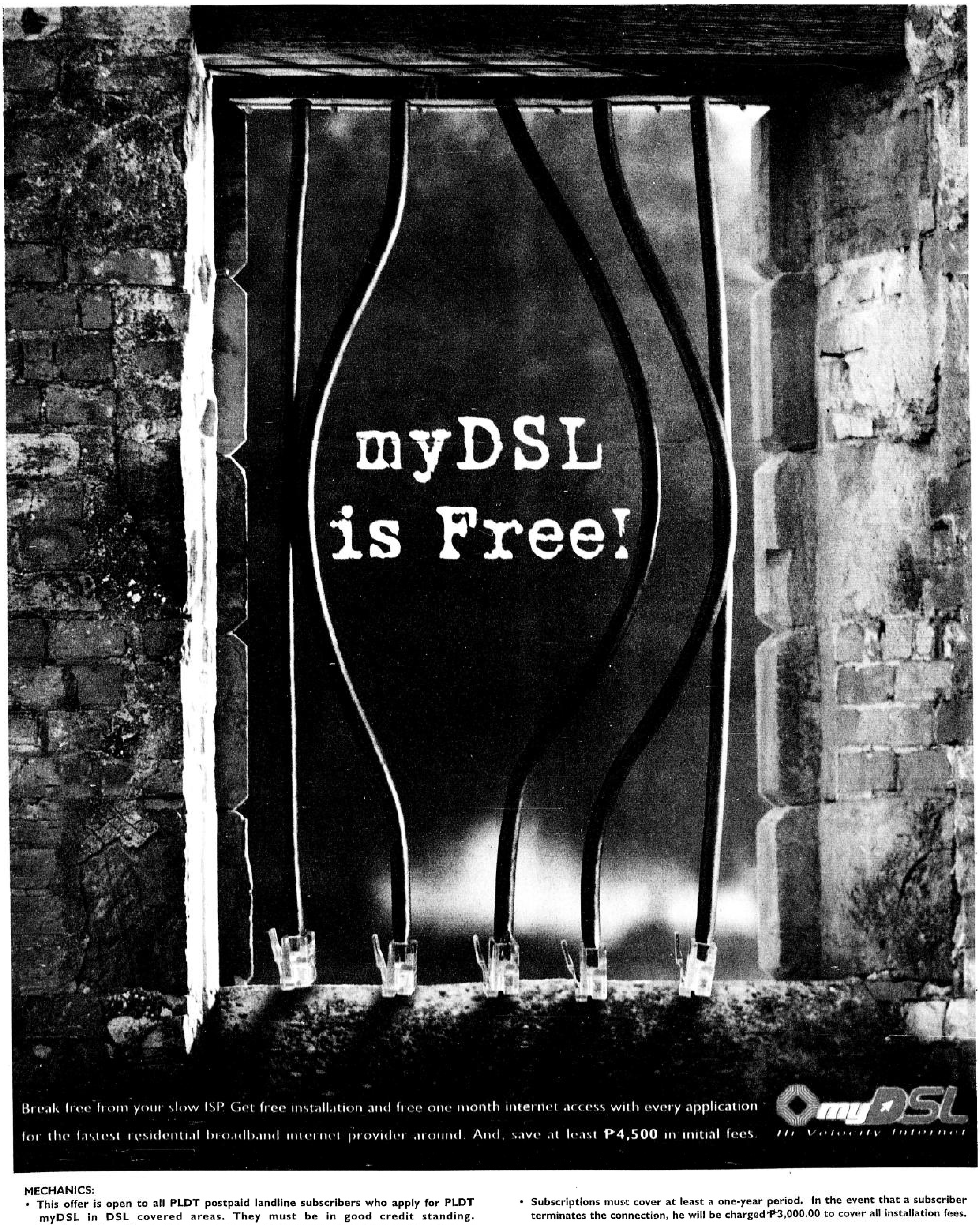

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On-site relocation for Pangarap Village residents

By Tina Santos

THE LONG-STANDING dispute over the 156-hectare Pangarap Village property in Caloocan City may just end on a peaceful note after claimant Gregorio "Greggy" Araneta III and various government agencies signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to turn 80 hectares of the property into a relocation site for the affected residents.

Araneta, chair of the Carmel Development Inc. (CDI) which claims ownership of the contested property, signed the MOA with National Housing Authority (NHA) General Manager Eduardo Pamintuan and Housing and Urban Poor Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) Chair Mike Defensor.

CDI chief executive officer Rene Faustino said the MOA will also provide for on-site and off-site relocation points for the affected residents.

"On-site relocation is designed for Pangarap Village residents affected by the development, while the off-site project will be for informal settlers evicted from other sites in Metro Manila," Faustino said.

He expressed hope that with the program, the residents would come to terms with CDI and end the decades-old dispute.

Faustino said that under the program, CDI plans to develop the land allotted for socialized housing units to accommodate the low-income group.

He said CDI committed a "big sacrifice" when it signed the agreement, because the MOA would require CDI to allocate a big portion of the contested land to shelter thousands of families.

Faustino earlier urged Caloocan officials and members of land syndicates to stop raising the hopes of residents by promising homeowners that they would eventually own the property.

The CDI executive also clarified reports that squatters "escorted" by Defensor's father, lawyer Matias Defensor, had attempted to settle in Pangarap Village on June 24 and 25.

He explained that the informal settlers from Quezon City were the prospective beneficiaries of the MOA and they were supposed to be temporarily settled in the property while plans for the relocation project were being laid out.

However, Faustino said CDI would continue to tear down big houses and properties of unscrupulous individuals who refused to recognize CDI as the rightful owner of the property.

Faustino cited the Supreme Court decision voiding Presidential Decree No. 293 issued by former President Ferdinand Marcos in 1973. The decree allowed the government to take over the property from the Araneta family.

Education is birthright . . .

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tion in the University of the Philippines Diliman.

When her daughter was 4 years old, leukemia struck the child. Del Rosario worried that the illness might affect the child's studies, so she and her pastor husband started to teach the girl, alongside autistics, children with learning disabilities, behavior problems, developmental delay and those who were chronically ill. The Del Rosario garage was their classroom.

"We accommodated four children then," says Del Rosario, founder and administrator of Birthright Educators Foundation, a school for special children in Muntinlupa City.

At Birthright, a child's strengths and weaknesses are assessed before an individualized educational prescription can be made.

To sustain Birthright, Del Rosario and the parents of the special children sought the help of the mayor of Muntinlupa then, Toting Bunye, who immediately donated P78,000. The Dutch Liliane Foundation funded the construction of the school's two-story building.

"A friend told me about the foundation," says Del Rosario.

The school has come a long way indeed from the family garage that had a class of five children.

Birthright now has 97 students, 60 of whom are subsidized by the foundation. Del Rosario has a staff of 15 teachers, a physical and occupational therapist and a CBR (community-based rehabilitation) coordinator. Birthright teachers are required to have a master's degree in special education from UP Diliman.

Perhaps one of the biggest achievements of the growing school is one its former students, an 18-year-old autistic who is now an assistant teacher in the school.

The school uses the softwares Typemaster and Readmaster to help improve the children's reading comprehension and typing skills. Journals on mental retardation and physical disability update the teaching staff.

The teaching is not confined to the classrooms of Birthright. In 1999, its CBR volunteers provided physical, occupational and speech therapy for Muntinlupa's physically and mentally handicapped railway children, those from indigent families living along the railroad tracks in the city.

MA'AM Miriam del Rosario with a special child at Birthright. MARY JANE BRAVO

The Department of Education recently honored Birthright for topping the National Elementary Achievement Test in Muntinlupa.

Wanted: Smart drivers

By Leila Salaverria

DRIVERS need to be smarter before the "smart" traffic system can work efficiently, according to the Metro Manila Development Authority.

Reacting to reports that motorists have been "outsmarting" the Sydney Coordinated Adoptive Traffic Signal System (SCATSS), which uses sensors in gauging traffic flow, MMDA Traffic Operations Center Director Ernesto Camarillo said motorists may still be confused about how the system works.

The system must not be rushed, he stressed.

"It will take time before drivers learn the advantage of the smart traffic system," Camarillo said on Friday. "It needs a lot of fine-tuning. It can't be done overnight.

"It was only implemented recently, so it will take time before it can be successful," he added.

He said Metro Cebu was the first to use the SCATSS, and it took several years for the system to be perfectly utilized.

An official from the Department of Public Works and Highways had earlier said that motorists are completely lacking in discipline. The head of the DPWH's Traffic Engineering Center, Godofredo Galano, said the smart traffic system is not working efficiently because drivers refuse to stick to their designated lanes.

The smart traffic system features sensors placed underneath traffic lights at key intersections. The sensors determine when the traffic light will change, depending on the volume of vehicles it detects.

The P500-million system was put in place by the DPWH early this year. The DPWH had earlier said defective light bulbs in the traffic lights were hindering the system's efficiency. Camarillo himself had blamed leaks in the traffic lamps.

Galano had also said that drivers must use the proper lanes so as not to confuse the computers, a statement that Camarillo echoed.

Camarillo said the MMDA has directed traffic enforcers to guide motorists accordingly and is doing what it can to make the system more effective. For the past several months, the MMDA had achieved a record number of apprehensions of traffic violators, he said.

No-left-turn's first . . .

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"Since it's Saturday and some people were unable to leave their homes because of the floods, there were relatively few vehicles to direct," Camarillo explained.

But he added that the rain hampered traffic enforcers.

"It was a bit difficult to direct the motorists in the rain," he said.

He said the MMDA is doing what it can to make sure motorists are not confused with the new system.

The MMDA is expecting a heavier flow of traffic tomorrow, with students and workers trooping back to schools and offices after the weekend.

"We hope by Monday we'll be able to cope with (the traffic situation)," he said yesterday.

Marikina fights crime with texting

THE MARIKINA Police Station is fighting crime through cellular phones to support Mayor Ma. Lourdes C. Fernando's campaign.

The new text-based service, called "Text Mo..Kaligtasan N'Yo Sagot Ko," has two main features: on-the-spot reporting and intelligence/information gathering.

Supt. Cipriano Querol, officer in charge of the Marikina Police, explained that "Text Mo" provides the public with a mechanism for relay information on crime incidents in the city.

The text messages may be sent to cell phone number 0919-3032299. Residents requesting police assistance are encouraged to give their names for verification purposes.

Residents may also send suggestions on solving cases.

The Marikina Police also intensified its campaign against petty crimes such as cell phone snatching through "Cops on Foot" within the city's school premises.

Leaders' award launched

THE UP Center for Leadership, Citizenship and Democracy (CLCD), the UP Center for Local and Regional Governance (CLRG), the DLSU Institute of Governance, and the Office of Sen. Aquilino Q. Pimentel are now accepting nominations for the first ever Local Government Leadership Award.

The award recognizes the achievements of outstanding local government leaders who have improved the quality of lives of their constituents.

Nominees should be Filipino citizens, elected and currently serving a local government unit, and has demonstrated the ability to lead and effect positive changes in the community. They will be selected based on transparency, accountability, organization and management, continuity and sustainability and service delivery.

The success stories and leadership practices of the winning local chief executives will be documented and published. A cash prize of P100,000 and a plaque of recognition will be given to the winners. Awarding ceremonies will be held in October 2002 to coincide with the 11th anniversary of the enactment of the Local Government Code.

Distinguished national leaders, academicians and media personalities led by Senator Pimentel, Interior Secretary Jose D. Lina Jr., UP President Francisco Nemenzo, Dr. Jose V. Abueva, and KBP board director Rodolfo Lacuna compose the selection committee.

Guidelines, nomination procedures and forms are available online at www.geocities.com/clrgncpag/. Call 925-4109, 925-7422 for further inquiries. The deadline for the submission of nominations is July 31, 2002.

METROBRIEFS

Second worker's death in Makati

MAKATI City Hall employee Mamerto Morata died at the Ospital ng Makati hours after he figured in a freak traffic accident on Friday morning. SPO1 Miguel Descalso of the Makati police's traffic division said Morata, 29, of Las Piñas City, was in critical condition for eight hours before he died at 5:48 p.m. Descalso said Morata was pinned between a water tanker and a jeepney driven by Sabri Yusob, 33. Yusob said that when his vehicle lost its brakes, he tried to avoid other cars by swerving to the right hoping to hit a wall on Kalayaan Avenue in Makati. His jeepney skidded and hit Morata and Arlyn Espera, both of the Makati's Department of Environment and Sanitation, which is in charge of keeping the city clean. Espera died on the spot. Yusob is facing charges of reckless imprudence resulting in homicide. *Leila Salaverria*

'Mike Tyson' in Batasan

TRICYCLE driver Adioton Peñaranda's idol could be Mike Tyson. Alfonso Almodigan, of Barangay Commonwealth, Quezon City, accused Peñaranda of biting his ear when they fought over tricycle fare Thursday night. Almodigan told the Batasan Hills police that when he arrived at his destination on Commonwealth Avenue on board Peñaranda's tricycle, the driver charged him P10 for the ride. Almodigan said he protested and they argued until they came to blows. Peñaranda pulled out a hammer and hit Almodigan in the head. He also bit Almodigan's ear when the latter was already down on the ground, police said. Peñaranda then fled on board his tricycle. *Alcuin Papa*

Identified in Luneta

POLICE have identified the 17-year-old girl killed in Luneta Park Wednesday morning. The victim's live-in partner identified the girl as Cecil Tolete, of the Old Bilibid Compound in Sta. Cruz, Manila, according to Detective Virgo Villareal of the Western Police District. Carpenter Felix V. Dicla, 37, said he and the girl began living together three years ago. The WPD was preparing to file charges of murder or homicide with attempted rape against suspect Cornelio D. Tuling, a vegetable vendor caught fleeing the scene moments after the girl was found naked from the waist down at the Light and Sound Park in Luneta after midnight on Wednesday. The girl had nine stab wounds, Villareal said. Tuling, 31, of San Andres St., Alaminos, Laguna, admitted to stabbing the girl only thrice, Villareal added. *Philip Tubeza*

Messed up in Mother Ignacia

THREE Koreans went to Quezon City to have a good time, but they ended up in jail instead for thrashing a nightspot. Randy Lim, 35, Jimmy Co, 35, and Jake Eom are all from South Korea and currently staying in Naga City, police said. A fellow Korean, businesswoman Leonne Choy, complained to policemen that the three men messed up her Miss Korea KTV bar on Mother Ignacia Avenue. SPO4 Edmond Senido of the Kamuning Police Station said the three men were already drunk when they overturned their table, spilling beer, breaking bottles and glasses and causing panic among the bar customers. Club bouncers overpowered the three men and took them to the police station. The three were released after they paid for the damages. *Alcuin Papa*

No-bail in Quezon City

ASSISTANT City Prosecutor Pedro Catral on Friday recommended no bail for Rodel Geronimo, 29, accused of shooting a driver dead and injuring two other men in Quezon City on June 26. Geronimo, of Barangay Pasong Tamo, Quezon City, has been charged with murder, attempted murder, illegal possession of firearms and violation of the gun ban provision of the Omnibus Election Code, said Catral of the city prosecutor's office. Records showed that Geronimo shot and killed Supremo Manlapaz about 11:45 p.m. in an alley along Oliva Street, Nawasa Side, Area 5, Pasong Tamo. Geronimo reportedly had a grudge against Manlapaz. Stray bullets hit Gaspar Salgador and Joseph Crebillo. Manlapaz died at the East Avenue Medical Center while the two others were treated at the Far Eastern University Hospital. Police arrested Geronimo the following day. *Agnes Donato*

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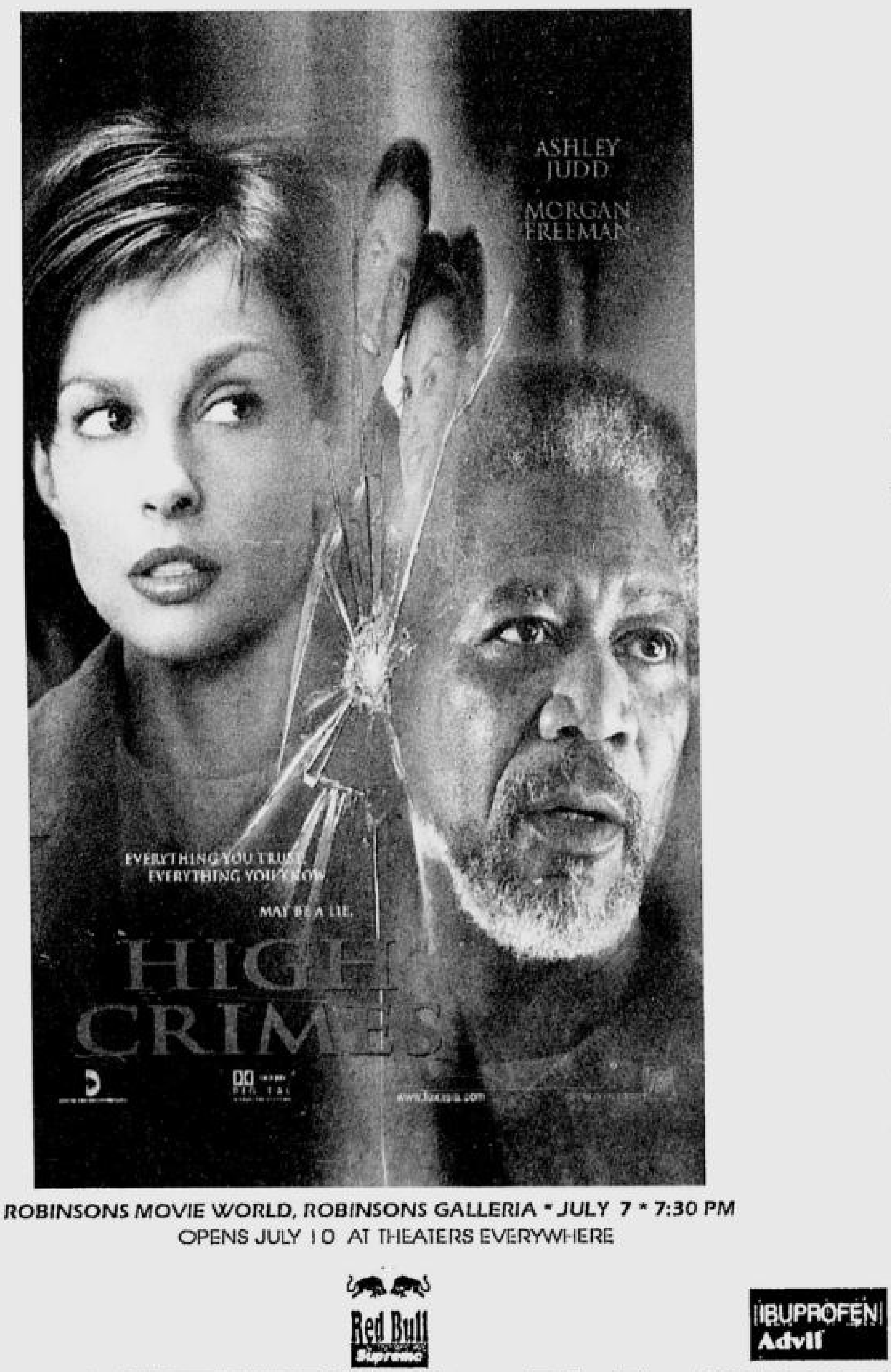

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"High Crime" is a non-stop, intriguing, high-powered film about Claire (Judd), a lawyer who defends her husband Tom (Jim Caviezel) in a top-secret military court.

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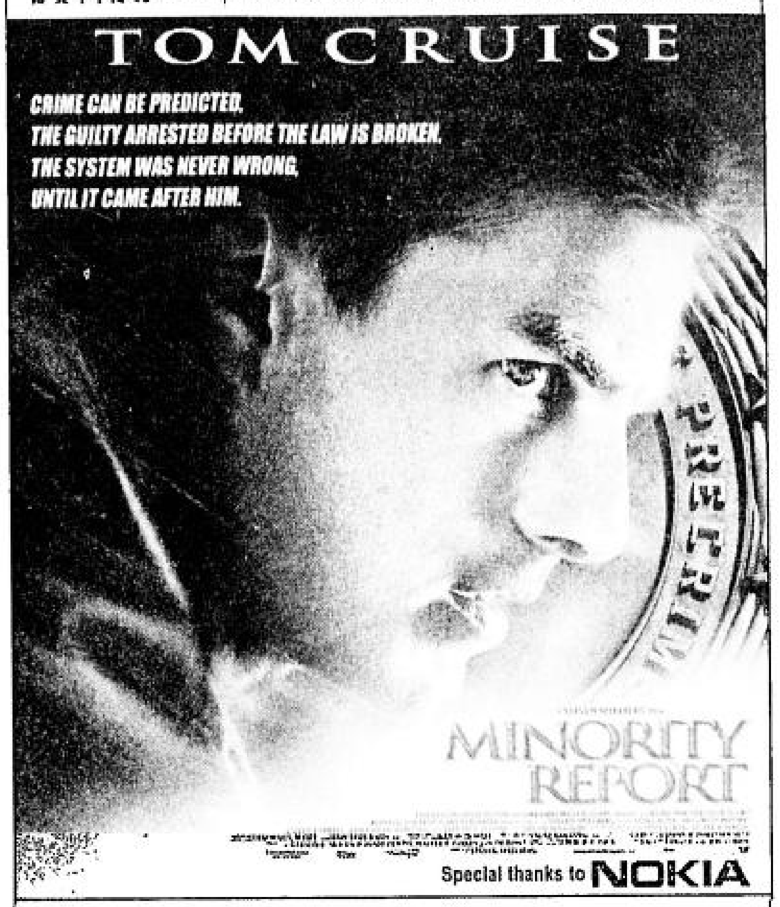
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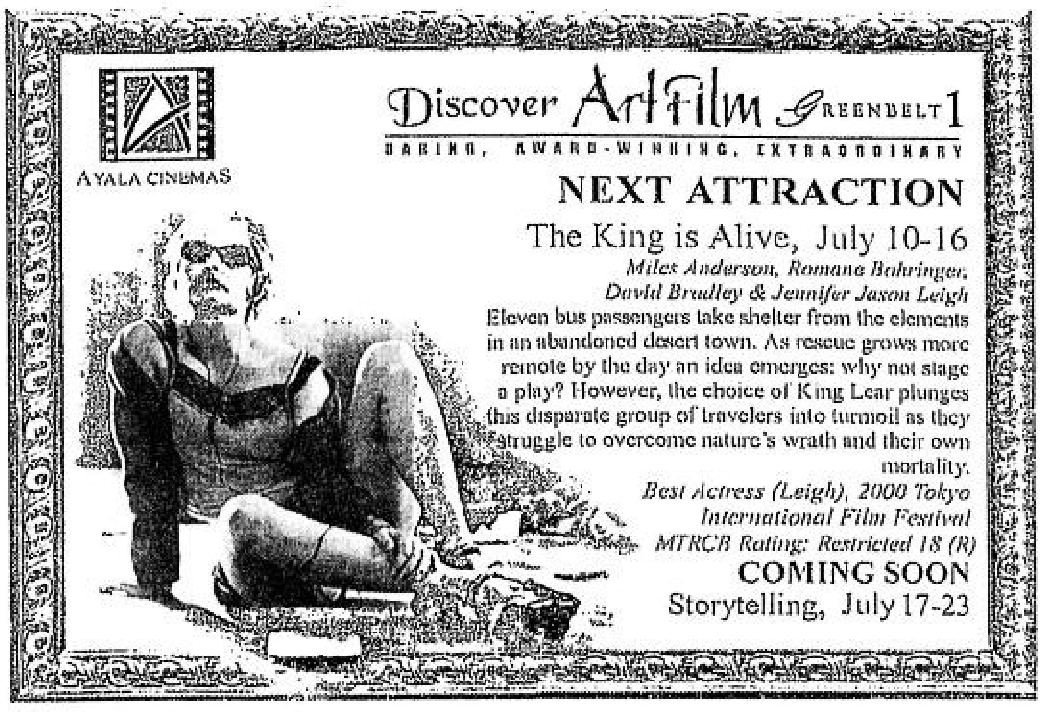
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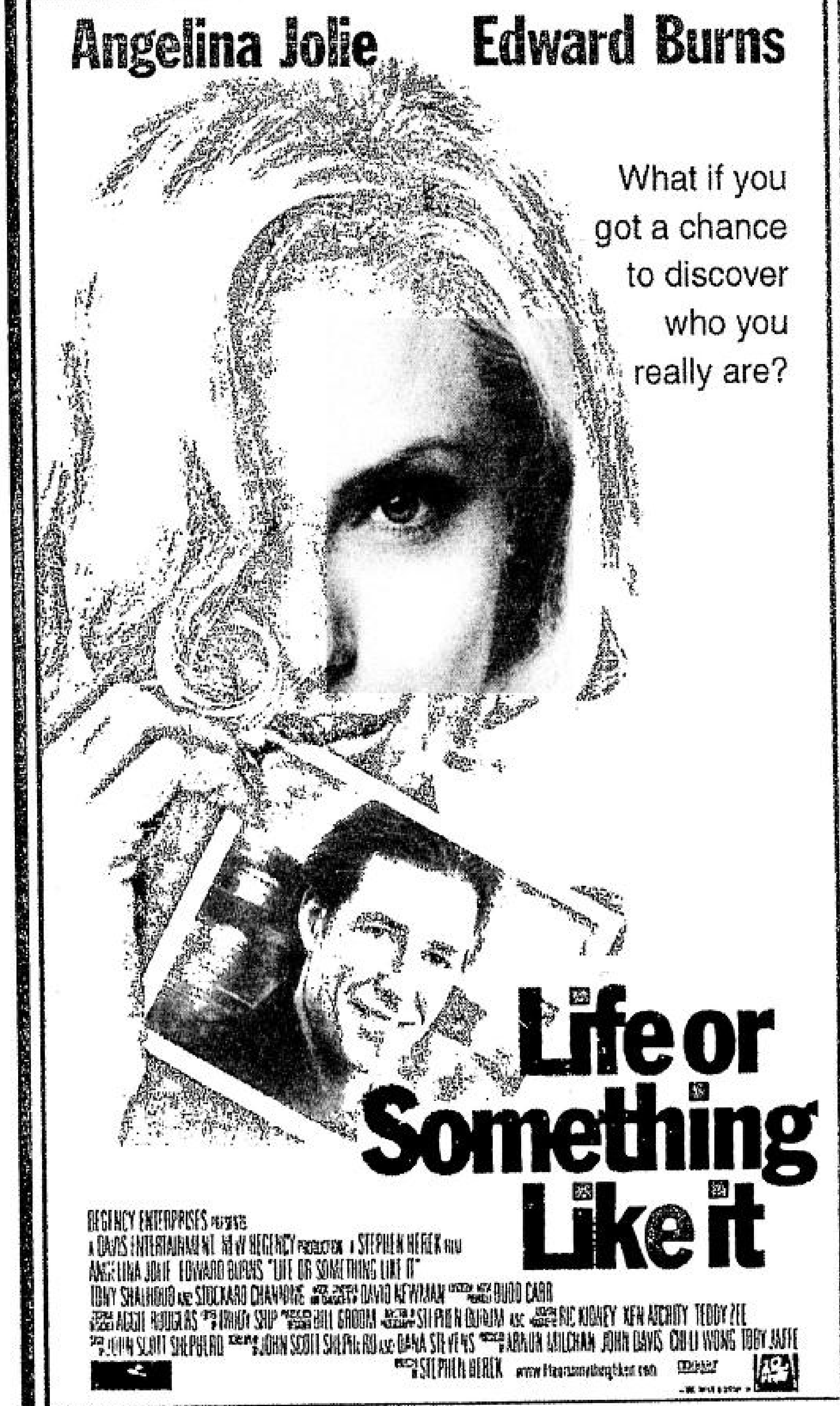
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VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

WE hope that, by the time you read this, "Amelie" is still showing in some local theaters. When we watched the French film (with English subtitles) this week, there was a good crowd in the moviehouse, and it was reacting strongly to the movie all the way.

This was because the film was an engaging mix of substantial themes and a breezy, inventive way of telling its story. While it did make viewers think it wasn't a forbidding and inscrutable "art" film.

Even young-adult viewers related to it because it was about a young woman in her 20s who was warped in childhood by her weird parents. Thus, she grew up into a woman who couldn't relate to people, couldn't express herself emotionally, and couldn't love.

She knew she was unhappy and even in psychological pain, but she couldn't do anything about it. To keep body and soul together, she worked as a waitress in a small café. This only made her condition worse because the café's patrons, and staffers were similarly warped.

Amelie's life finally changed when she stumbled upon a long-lost box of "childhood treasures" that a boy had hidden 40 years ago. Much against her withdrawn nature, Amelie decided to look for the owner of the box, now a mature man living far away.

In the course of determining his identity and whereabouts, she got to meet other people who shared their own stories with her.

This further hastened her psychological healing, as she began to see that life wasn't meant to be lived in separate, little, tomb-like compartments, but in zestful interaction with the rest of humanity.

After Amelie saw how much the rediscovery of the box had transformed its now mature owner, she decided to be of help to even more people.

The variety and richness of these characters are major plus points in this movie, and provide the texture and unpredictability that this otherwise simple story needs to sustain its audience's interest and empathy.

The next big step in Amelie's "reeducation" as a feeling human being comes when she meets a man who stirs up the unfamiliar emotion of romantic love in her. Trouble is, he's just as warped as she is!

So, the two of them circle around each other for a spell, and Amelie has to think up brilliant but weird ways to interact with her beloved, without his being able to figure out who she is. Of course, in the end, they are both able to work out their problems, and become emotionally healthy, loving people at last.

"Amelie" has many strong points, but what we got most vividly from the film was the difficulty of pure love blooming and surviving the modern world's warped and warping realities.

Thus, Amelie and the film's other characters who try to redeem their lives emerge as heroes who deserve viewers' praise and emulation.

Some viewers may be thrown off by this production's eclectic styles, but this is the way non-mainstream filmmaking is these days, always reacting to the moment's inspiration, changing styles and tempos depending on which character is holding forth at any given moment, etc.

Often, however, the movie needs no explication. Some of its most unusual touches are clearly understood, and help make it an exhilaratingly involving and liberating viewing experience.

Films on TV

ON the HBO channel: Sunday, July 7 at 4 p.m., "Havana." Monday, July 8 at 11:55 p.m., "American Beauty." Tuesday, July 9 at 1 p.m., "In the Name of the Father."

Wednesday, July 10 at a.m., "Neil Simon's Brighton Beach Memoirs." At 9:45 a.m., "Radioland Murders." At 9 p.m., "The Perfect Storm."

Thursday, July 11 at 9 p.m., "Erin Brockovich." Friday, July 12 at 3 p.m., "Out of Africa." At 5:45 p.m., "A Cooler Climate." Saturday, July 13 at 5 p.m., "For Love or Country, A True Story." At 9 p.m., "Proof of Life." Sunday, July 14 at 10 a.m., "The Addams Family." At 9 p.m., "Mission Impossible II."

Gala premiere

THE gala premiere of the animated feature, "The Powerpuff Girls," will be held tonight at Robinson's Galleria. Based on the hit TV series, the film shows how Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup use their superpowers to foil the evil mutant monkey Mojo Jojo's plan to take over the world.

'Nora Mismo'

TWO Fridays ago, we caught a telecast of **Nora Aunor**'s new public-service-show, "Nora Mismo," and we were galvanized by the superstar's performance in the show's "dramatization" portion.

She played a woman who was forced by poverty to sell herself. That's the oldest yarn in the world, you'll agree, and yet Nora was able to make the story both compelling and moving.

Nora may no longer be in-demand as a TV-movie star, but she's clearly still one of the very best actresses we have. It's good that her thespic talent is now being showcased on "Nora Mismo," but it would be much better if we saw her acting again on the big screen.

We've always maintained that Nora is no has-been and still has some great performances left in her. Her performance on "Nora Mismo" proves that this isn't wishful thinking. Some perceptive producer should think seriously about coming up with a Nora Aunor film for the Metro filmfest.

Backroom stars hot in the rainy season

WHEN it rains, it pours for the talents of Backroom.

Singer Ara Mina returns as sultry singer to the concert stage with a show on July 27. Ara, whose song "Ay Ay Ay Pag-ibig" was a nationwide hit, will sing ballads in her first major concert after several years.

Calvin Millado topbills the Friday night entertainment at Country Waffles Rockwell. Calvin was Lea Salonga's guest in the repeat of "The Broadway Concert" at the PICC last June. He is also doing "Rocky Horror Show" in November, directed by Bobby Garcia. Calvin will also host the Hardiflex convention at the Hotel Intercon on July 23.

Ariel Rivera continues his hosting job on "ASAP" and continues to be busy with corporate shows.

Whattamen boy Dominic Ochoa continues to fly high with his TV shows, product endorsements and movies. He has just finished "Nine Mornings" with Piolo Pascual and Donita Rose. He recently shot his new commercial for Talk 'N Text where he is featured with buddy Marvin Agustin.

Ai Ai de las Alas is shooting her first full-length movie "Tanging Ina," directed by Wenn Deramas for Star Cinema. Ai Ai is a mainstay of "Arriba Arriba," "Magandang Tanghali Bayan," "Whattamen," all seen on Channel 2, and "Singaling" on Channel 5. She is seen in the new Bayantel commercial and has been the telecommunications' face and voice since 1998.

New Softee girl Rufa Mae Quinto flies to Hawaii this month for the taping of her sitcom with Bong Revilla Jr., "Idol Ko si Kap." Rufa is also a mainstay of "Bubble Gang" and "SOP."

MTV VJ Belinda Panelo, seen in "Sa Puso Ko'y Iingatan Ka," is pursuing acting lessons in New York University.

Vernie Varga is busy with corporate shows and will perform at the Epson gathering on July 9.

Dessa appeared in Martin Nievera's concert at Onstage Greenbelt last July 5. Another Backroom ward, Shannen Torres, is honing her talent in workshops.

Still reeling from its successful concert is the country's premiere choral group The CompanY. After 17 years, it performed its first big venue solo concert to an SRO crowd. The group's album "Storybook" is available in all record bars nationwide.

Back to their regular stints are the Gladys and the Boxers with K (GBWK), Tuesdays at Soundstage in Cainta, Wednesdays and Saturdays at Kampo West, and Thursdays at Ratsky's in Malate.

GBWK performed at the anti-piracy concert at the Araneta last Saturday. The group is composed of Gladys Guevarra, Kakai Brosas, Daniel Lardizabal and Cris Samonte.

GBWK front man Gladys is one of the hosts of "Eat Bulaga," while Kakai is a mainstay on "Daboy and Da Girl" on Channel 7.

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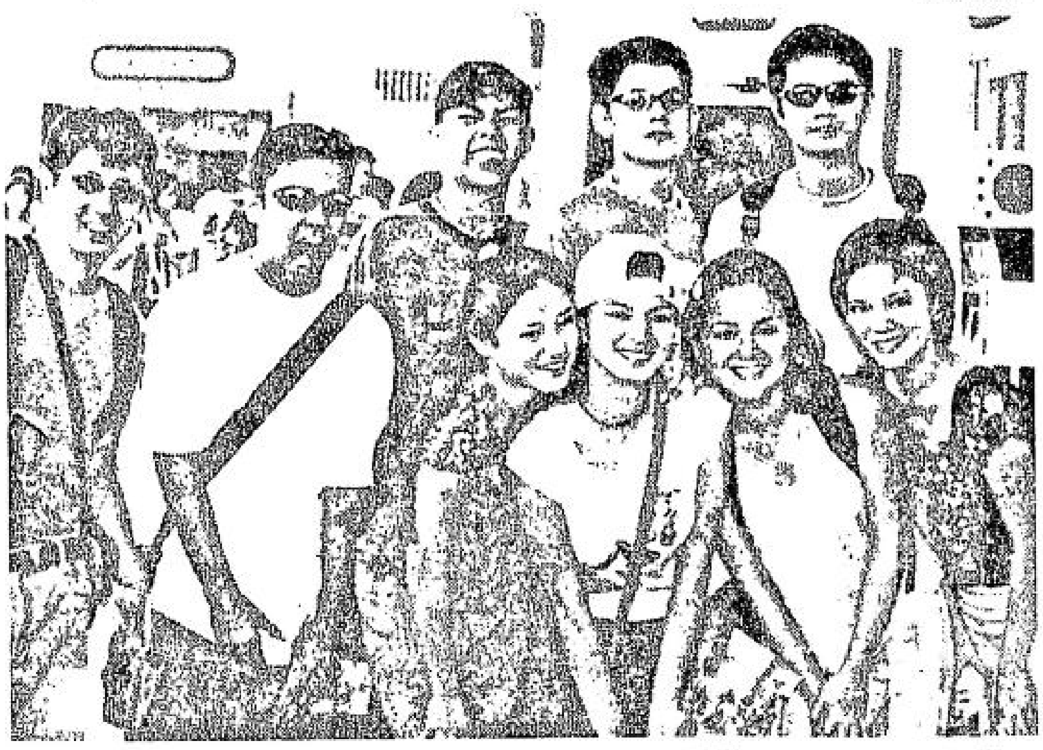


STROLLING IN THE PARK (from left) Sherwin Ordoñez, AJ Eigenmann, Bryan Revilla, Richard Gutierrez, Railey Valeroso, Karen de los Reyes, Angel Locsin, Tricia Roman and Chynna Ortalez in Hong Kong's Ocean Park.

Budding stars pop up in 'Click'

By Leah Salterio

ONE OR TWO of the future superstars of local entertainment may be in the cast of "Click," which is composed mostly of very young, good-looking kids with show biz in their blood.

The youth-oriented show on GMA 7 was reformatted last March and new cast members were introduced. Some of the stars in the first batch—James Blanco, Maybelline de la Cruz, Miko Sotto, Roxanne Barcelo and Biboy Ramirez graduated to a new GMA 7 soap, "Kahit Kailan," which airs Saturdays.

The other originals were retained—Sherwin Ordoñez, Danica Sotto, Tricia Roman, Chynna Ortaleza and Alessandra de Rossi—and were made to blend with the newcomers. Polo Ravales, who was with the first batch, is a semi-regular character in the reformatted show.

"The first 'Click' talents, who were virtually unknowns, paved the way for the success of this new one," says director Mac Alejandre. "The show created an audience and it now has a loyal following."

Signing up children of noted show biz personalities was part of the network's strategy for the show.

"We chose actors with show biz lineage," Alejandre says. "It's not just a hodgepodge of talents. The celebrity kids have a strong name recall since they are associated with their well-known parents."

The new batch includes Richard Gutierrez, son of Eddie Gutierrez and Annabelle Rama and younger brother of Ruffa Gutierrez; AJ Eigenmann, son of Michael de Mesa and Gina Alajar; and Brian Revilla, eldest son of Bong Revilla Jr. and Lani Mercado. Danica is the daughter of Vic Sotto and Dina Bonnevie.

STANDOUTS sitting it out, AJ Eigenmann and Richard Gutierrez.

Height, good looks

The new talents were recommended by the production team that screened them, led by Alejandro and also including "Click" executive producer Camille Pengson, program manager Gigi Santiago, former EP Rams David and writer Don Michael Perez.

Alejandre, who started directing "Click" in 1999, says of the young members of the cast: "I cannot guarantee they'll be as good and cooperative three years from now as they are today. I hope they will still be."

He singles out Richard as the standout in the group. "By virtue of his height and good looks, even if he were not the son of Eddie and Annabelle or the younger brother of Ruffa, he would have stood out.

"Actually, all of the new batch members have shown potentials to be big stars," he adds. "But Richard is so *guwapo*, he's ideal for close-ups. His smile is a big factor. But he has to develop confidence, which is very important.

"Brian is very charming. He registers very well on TV. I didn't know he's the son of Bong and Lani when I chose him.

"Danica knew her objectives when she joined the show and she works hard to achieve them."

No prima donnas

None of the young cast is a prima donna, he says.

"It helps that the environment of the network is fair to every contract star. In the show, we also created an environment that doesn't leave any room for anyone to become a problem. We are objective-oriented. We know what we want and we find ways and means to achieve our goals."

Making the members of the new batch blend with the original cast members initially proved to be a challenge for the production team behind "Click."

"What new show didn't have birth pains?" Alejandre says.

But in no time, the chemistry became evident. "Click" registered very competitive and high ratings in the past three months, according to the director.

"Click" recently went to Hong Kong to tape a two-part special which will be aired July 13 and 20. In the story by writer Don Michael Perez, a member of the cast wins in a lottery and treats her friends to a holiday in Hong Kong.

This GMA 7 gimmick of taping special episodes overseas or in the provinces started last year and became the network's regular treat for its viewers. GMA 7 has proven that when the show is taped out of the country, more viewers watch it because they look forward to the beautiful sites captured on the backdrop.

Last year, "Beh Bote Nga" cast members led by Janno Gibbs and Anjo Yllana taped episodes in Hong Kong and China. "Bubble Gang" aired a two-part anniversary special from the US West Coast. "Kool Ka Lang" with Raymart Santiago and Joey Marquez went to Bangkok.

Early last month, "Kool Ka Lang" mainstays taped episodes in Sydney, Australia. This month, Bong Revilla Jr. and his costars in "Idol Ko si Kap" will go to Hawaii to do two special episodes.

Dizzying

The "Click" talents obediently followed taping schedules and were in their best behavior. Some of the teen stars understandably had chaperones, like their parents.

Program manager Gigi Santiago attests not one among the young stars turned out to be a headache for the production team.

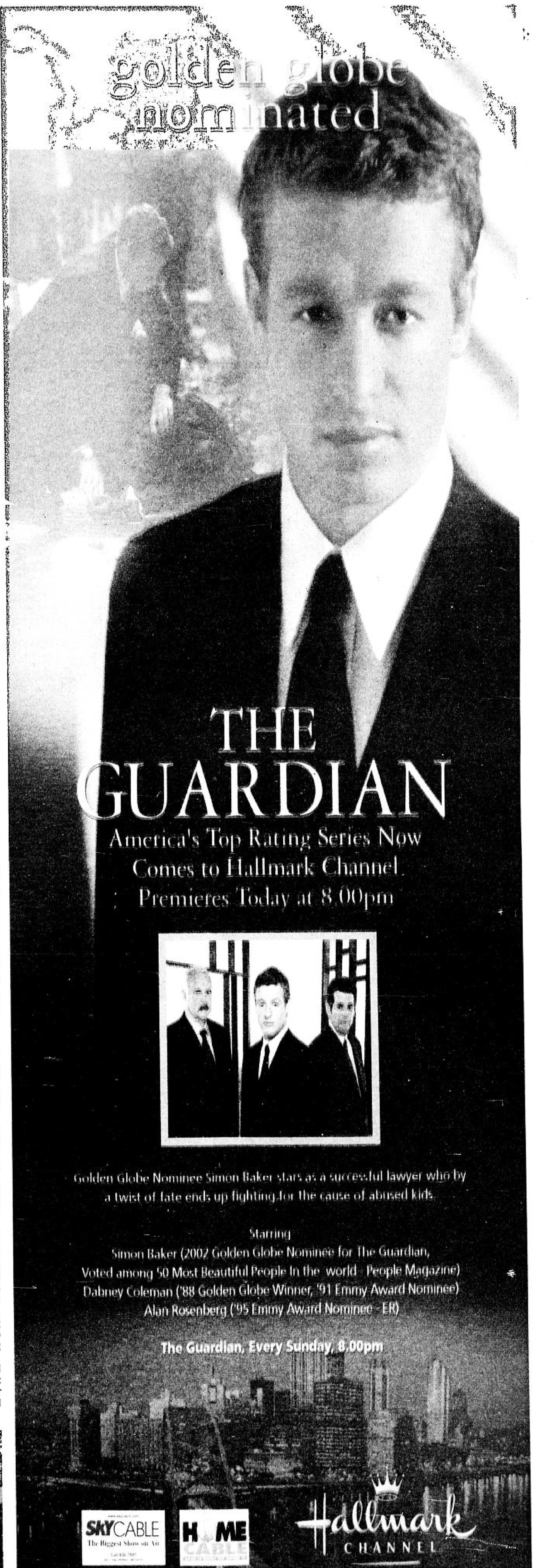
Polo Ravales wasn't in the script but he came to be with his girlfriend, Alessandra de Rossi. But Alex shared a room with her Mommy Nenita.

Gloria Diaz had a dizzying trip around the world prior to her Hong Kong trip. She joined the taping of "Kool Ka Lang" in Australia, then went to Canada to crown a Miss Philippines beauty contest winner in Vancouver. Before returning to Manila, she made a side-trip to San Francisco to visit her sister Rio, who's undergoing chemotherapy at Stanford Hospital.

She returned to Manila on an early morning flight, which gave her only a few hours to go home, take a bath and pack for her Hong Kong trip that same day.

"It's not so much the jet-lag but the money I spent shopping," Gloria rues. "I swear I will not go to Glorietta for a month. I have to work for the next four months to pay for all the things I bought."

TAKE! Sherwin Ordoñez, Alessandra de Rossi and Danica Sotto.



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At that time, the tax burden on the movie industry had become unbearable. More than 40 percent of the gross receipts of every movie went to taxes, with the other 50-plus percent split among the theater owner, the producers and/or the distributors. If a picture was not a box-office hit, you were taken to the cleaners.

Lawyer Esperidion Laxa was tasked to speak to then Rep. Ralph Recto, while director Eddie Romero's job was to persuade Rep. Mike Romero to author the bill. I went to see my brother-in-law, Speaker Jose de Venecia. He was receptive to our idea and assigned Romy Neri of the Congressional Planning and Budget Office to craft the first draft.

In 1996, House Bill No. 8582 was authored by Representatives Romero, Recto and 213 other congressmen as cosponsors. In its original form, the spirit of our bill was clear and pure in its intent to reward good films with tax incentives. It did not carry the slightest suggestion of a censorship-free provision.

In January 1997, the Senate initiated its counterpart bills, filed by then Senators Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Leticia Shahani and Ramon Revilla. I requested Armida Siguion-Reyna, then FRB vice chair, to take care of the FDFPI representation in the Senate.

Freedom provision

The provision of freedom from censorship for graded films first surfaced in the Senate. I asked Armida how this happened, and she said Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile had introduced it.

Senate Bill No. 2239 therefore carried the censorship-free rider in contrast to HB 8582, which did not. The bill passed in the House on its second regular session. The measure in the Senate, however, did not prosper beyond sponsorship on the floor. Congress adjourned.

In the 11th Congress, House Bill No. 7546 was authored by Representatives Ralph Recto, Imee Marcos, Romeo Candazo with 185 other congressmen as cosponsors. When the bill was re-filed, I was not aware that it was the "other" version (the one with the censorship rider) that the technical working group was handling.

Armida attended both the Senate and the House meetings while I concentrated on lobbying in the House.

During the third regular session, Revilla expressed his concern over the outcry against bold movies from a group of conservatives led by former MTRCB chief Etta Mendez and Jesus Is Lord Movement head Bro. Eddie Villanueva. The lobbyists strongly objected to the censorship-free provision in the bill.

As a result, the bill did not go beyond the committee report level and was never taken up on the Senate floor. Again, the film incentives bill was passed in the House. Congress adjourned.

New strategies

Now came the 12th Congress. Another major upheaval, Edsa II, had taken place. But when the dust settled, we were still committed to the task at hand. This time we decided to change strategies. The bill would be initiated in the Senate instead of the House.

As early as Dec. 3, 2001, FDFPI president Laurice Guillen-Feleo, chair Bienvenido Lumbera and board of trustees member Marilou Diaz-Abaya met with Sen. Loren Legarda Leviste, author of Senate Bill No. 671. They also visited Sen. Vicente Sotto, chair of the Senate committee on public information and mass media, who assured them he would immediately call for a joint public meeting when Congress resumed.

Meanwhile, three other film incentive bills were filed in the Senate by Senators Manuel Villar, Ralph Recto and Luisa Ejercito.

BICAMERAL CONFERENCE (from left) Senators Tito Sotto and Manny Villar (partly hidden), and Representatives William Fuentebella, Francis Escudero, Romualdo Vicencio, Gilbert Remulla and Imee Marcos.

On Dec. 12, Lumbera, Guillen and I went to see Rep. Romualdo Vicencio, chair of the House committee on public information. Deputy Secretary General Artemio Adasa, chief of staff of the Speaker, assured us the film incentives bill of Rep. Imee Marcos (HB 245) and Rep. Cynthia Villar (HBN 782) would be calendared for hearing in January 2002.

I had to leave for the United States then. Before I left, I called up Armida and several other friends in the industry to tell them, in no uncertain terms, my stand regarding the bill.

"If this bill is again hindered by the censorship-free provision, and if its passage hinges on the exclusion of that provision, I will give up that version," I told them. "It is more important for the benefit of the industry and its workers that we stick to the original spirit of the bill, which is to establish a system of tax rewards for good films."

Opposition

On Jan. 21, 2002, Sotto called for the first hearing of the committee on public information. Sotto explained why the bill had not passed the 10th and 11th Congress in the Senate. He blamed the strong opposition to the censorship-free rider by social and religious groups and to the amusement tax rewards by local government units. He said he would be able to defend the issue of granting tax rewards to films graded A and B.

On the censorship-free provision, Sen. Juan Flavier said he would rather see a simple bill with no controversial issues *para mapasa na*.

Sotto, after long discussions on the merits and demerits of the censorship-free clause, said "the Chair would rather be silent on that point, unless we want an avalanche of protest over this bill."

As a consequence of that meeting, the committee report was formulated without the censorship-free provision.

The following day, in the House, Rep. Vicencio held initial deliberations on the two house bills and on a motion by Rep. Ace Barbers. The committee approved HB 245 and 782 for consolidation. On Feb. 12, in public hearings, the committee on ways and means approved the tax provision without amendments, while the appropriations committee approved the funding provision with minor changes.

Inserted

On April 22, Senate Bill No. 2049 was passed and approved on third reading. It was silent on the censorship-free clause.

During the Senate deliberations, many of the senators from both parties were extremely helpful to the cinema group who attended the session. These were Guillen, Diaz-Abaya, Laxa, Eddie Romero, Boots Anson-Roa and I.

Senate President Franklin Drilon commented: "*Kung itong* version *ng* bill and *nakita noong mga nakaraang taon, noon pa sana nakapasa ang* bill *na ito*."

On May 14, 2002, House Bill No. 4644, a consolidation of the film incentives bills of Representatives Marcos and Villar was approved on third reading. It included the censorship-free rider, which was inserted in the floor.

The bicameral conference on SBN 2049 and HBN 4644 was held at the Roma Salon of Manila Hotel on May 16, 2002. At the start of the conference, Sotto stated that "it is the request of the Senate that we use the Senate version as the working draft."

22-year journey

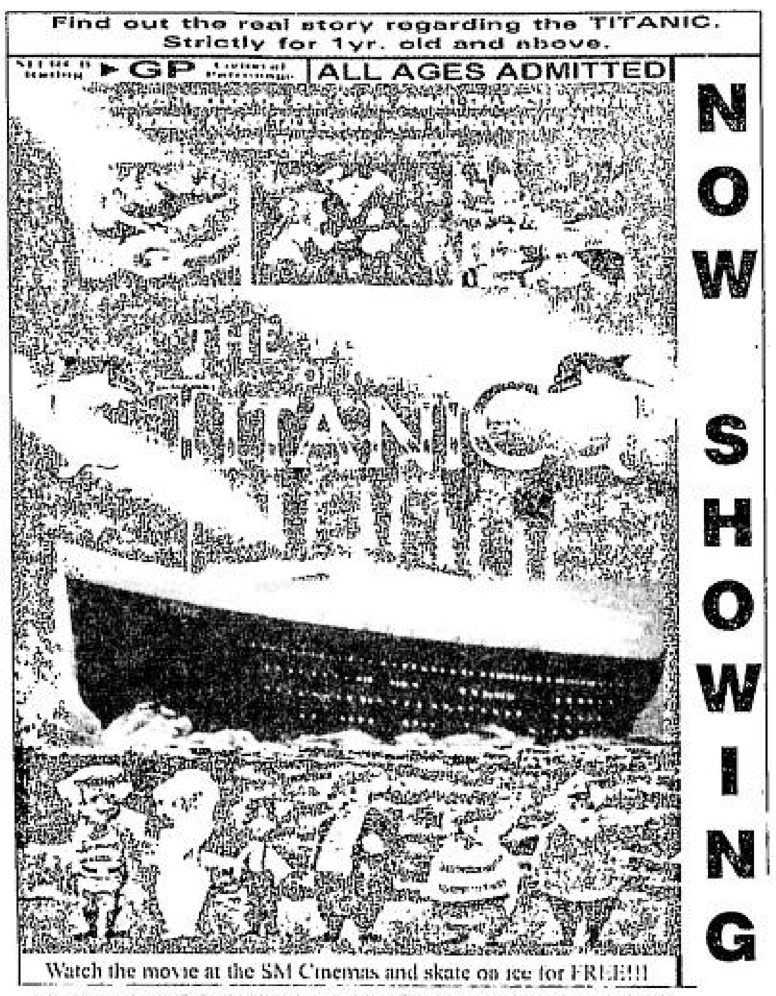
The bicameral committee approved the Senate version for ratification by Senate President Franklin Drilon and Speaker Jose de Venecia. The censorship-free rider was absent. The ratified bill adhered faithfully to the original spirit of the measure.

On June 7, President Macapagal-Arroyo signed Republic Act No. 9167 at the Ceremonial Hall of Malacañang Palace in the presence of more than a hundred guests from the film community.

It has been a long journey of 22 years. We have seen five presidents, two revolutions, countless congressional sessions, hours of impassioned and heated debate.

At last, what once was just an idea has become law.

Needless to say, not everyone is delighted with the outcome. As for me, I find deep satisfaction and an overwhelming sense of accomplishment in the fact that our headaches and our heartaches were not in vain.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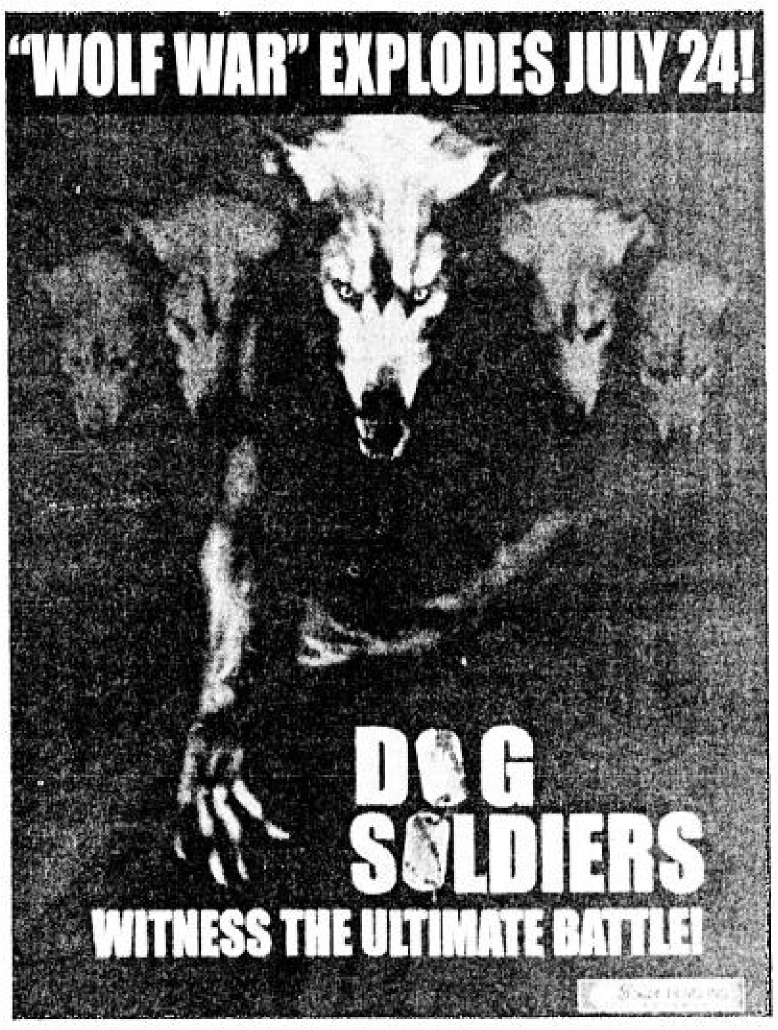
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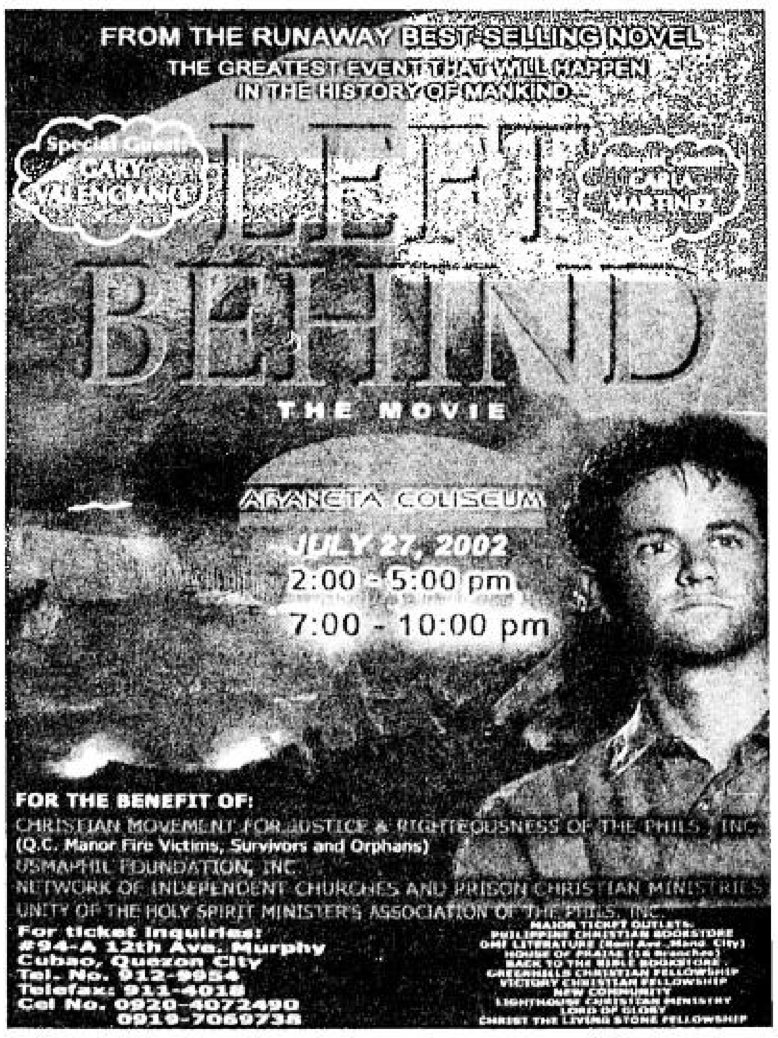
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How an idea became a law

By Marichu P. Maceda
Contributor

IN 1980 when I was starting my first term as president of the Philippine Motion Picture Producers' Association, I asked Carlos J. Valdez & Co. (CJVC) to submit the approximate cost of a comprehensive study of the industry, a program that could help further the industry's development. Their estimate was half a million pesos.

I went to Joseph Estrada, who was San Juan mayor then and who as president of Mowelfund (Movie Workers' Welfare Foundation) offered to undertake the cost. Heartened by this response, I met with members of the local film industry every day for almost a year and I urged every sector to put up its own guild to form the Film Academy of the Philippines (FAP).

Within a few months, CJVC proposed the creation of a Filipino Motion Picture Development Board, or Filmboard, with four modules: the FAP, to professionalize all workers in the industry; a film fund, to give soft loans with the film product itself as collateral; a film archive, to preserve our good films; and a board of standards to reward good films with tax incentives.

On Jan. 5, 1981, then-President Ferdinand E. Marcos signed Executive Order No. 640-A, which created the Filmboard.

On June 14, 1981, the entire movie industry trooped to Malacañang Palace by the busload. Stars, producers, directors, writers, cinematographers, editors, musical directors, sound technicians, production designers, assistant directors and productions managers took their places at Heroes Hall to witness then-First Lady Imelda R. Marcos administer oaths of office to Manuel de Leon as FAP director general, Ernie de Pedro as head of the Film Archives, and myself as administrator of the Film Fund.

ECP, FRB

On Jan. 29, 1982, Marcos signed EO 770, which created the Experimental Cinema of the Philippines (ECP). Imee Marcos was its director general. Johnny Litton headead the Manila International Film Festival; Bienvenido Noriega, Alternative Cinema; De Pedro, the Film Archives; and I, the Film Fund.

My principal concern was to protect the FAP from the intrusion of politics or political concerns. For this purpose, the FAP sought safety under the umbrella of the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

On June 12, 1982, Marcos signed EO 811 to create the Film Ratings Board (FRB). Marcos Roces was chair. Imee Marcos and her group worked feverishly on the criteria and mechanics of granting tax rewards to good films, such as amusement tax rebates of 50 percent for films rated "A" and 25 percent for films rated "B."

Among its 27 members were directors Chito Roño and Zeneida Amador, Digna Santiago, writer/critic Nestor Torre, Alex Cortez, (late) actors Pancho Magalona and Leopoldo Salcedo and, for a brief interlude, my mother Azucena Vera-Perez.

During its four years of existence, ECP conducted two international film festivals in Manila. In 1982 and 1983, it produced four important films: "Himala," "Oro Plata Mata," "Misteryo sa Tuwa" and "Soltero."

In 1985, the ECP was abolished due to widespread criticism of the screening of uncensored films such as "Scorpio Nights," "Hubo," "Company of Women," "Isla" and "Boatman."

Stern lecture

I will never forget being summoned to Malacañang and being subjected to a very stern lecture about the controversy that had arisen. Marcos berated me about the exhibition of movies at the Manila Film Center without benefit of censorship permits.

I took his sermon quietly. I realized that he could not possibly vent his anger on his eldest daughter Imee. All I did was nod and say, "Yes, sir. Yes, sir."

On Aug. 8, 1985, Marcos signed EO 1051 abolishing the ECP and transferring all its assets (except the Film Archives) to a non-stock, non-profit foundation, which later became known as the Film Development Foundation of the Philippines Inc. (FDFPI). Film Archives was then transferred to the Board of Review for Motion Pictures and Television (BRMPT).

After People Power 1986, the movie industry was relegated to the background. President Cory Aquino appointed Cirio H. Santiago to head the Task Force on All Film-Related Government Agencies, including FDFPI. However, no action was taken for or against the film industry.

During the term of President Fidel V. Ramos, FDFPI was reactivated, thanks to Santiago. Only the FRB came back to life. I was appointed to the board of trustees in September 1994. In one of our board meetings, I recommended that we try to have a bill passed in Congress that would provide tax incentives for good films. This was to be patterned

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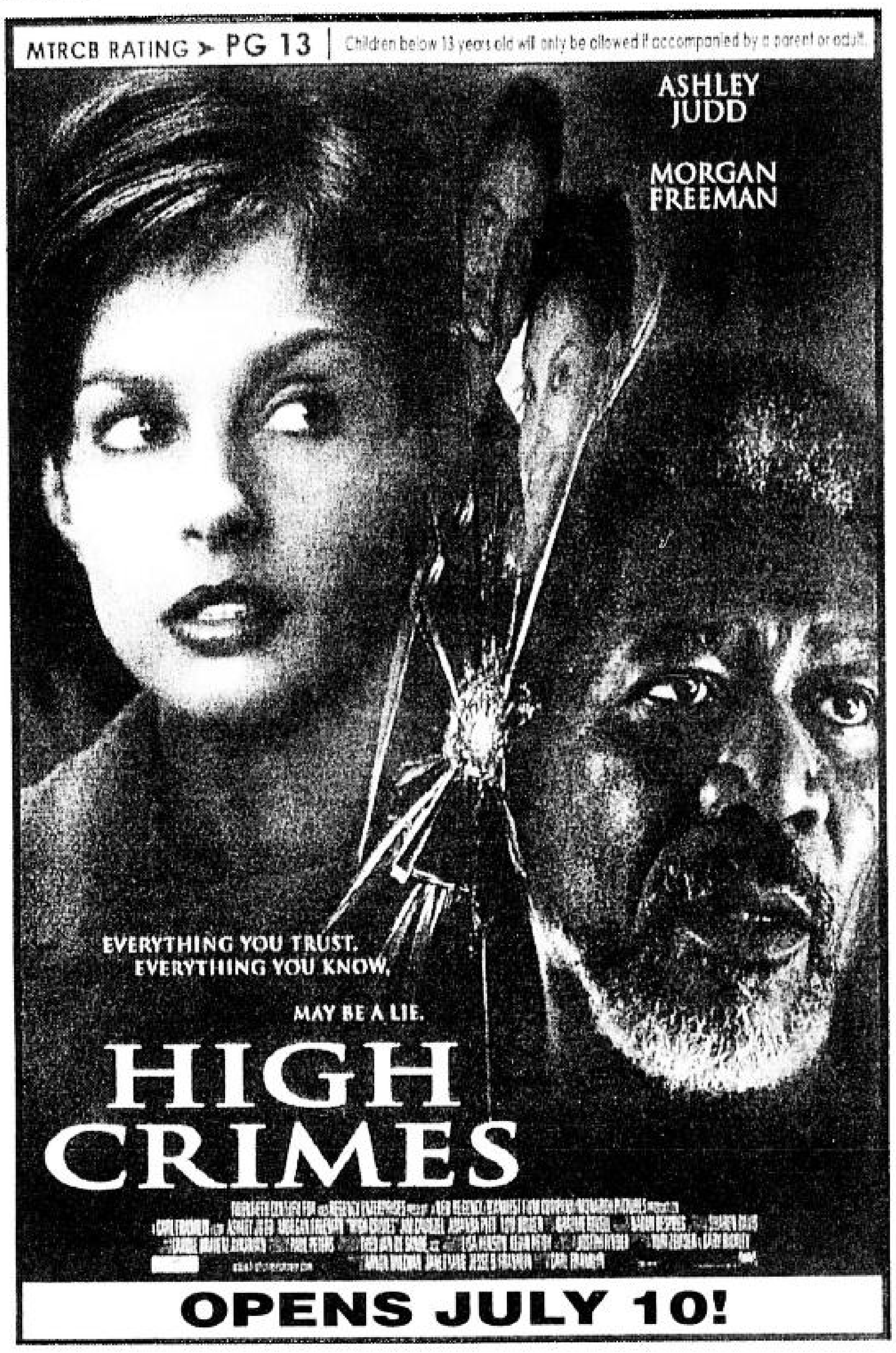
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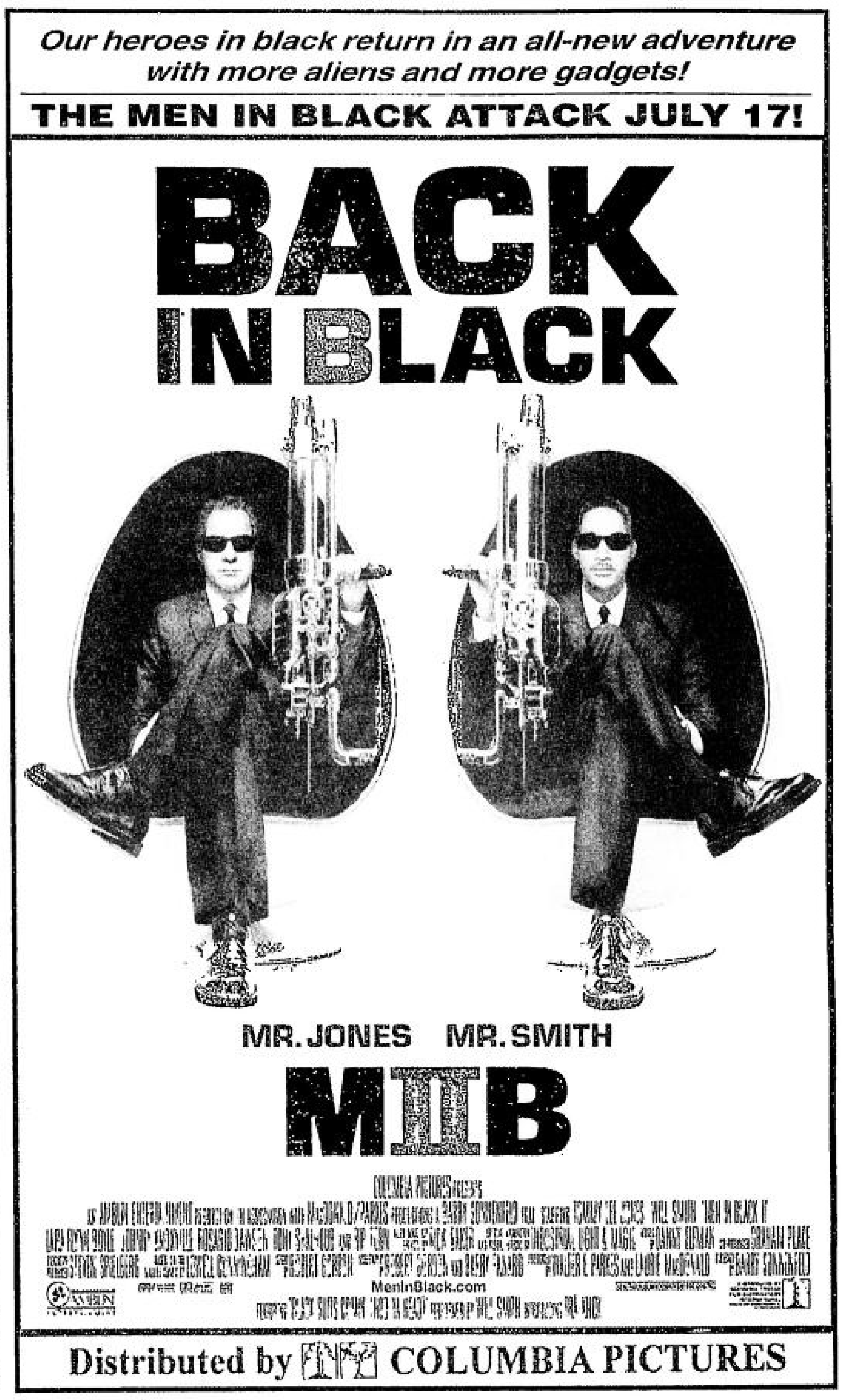
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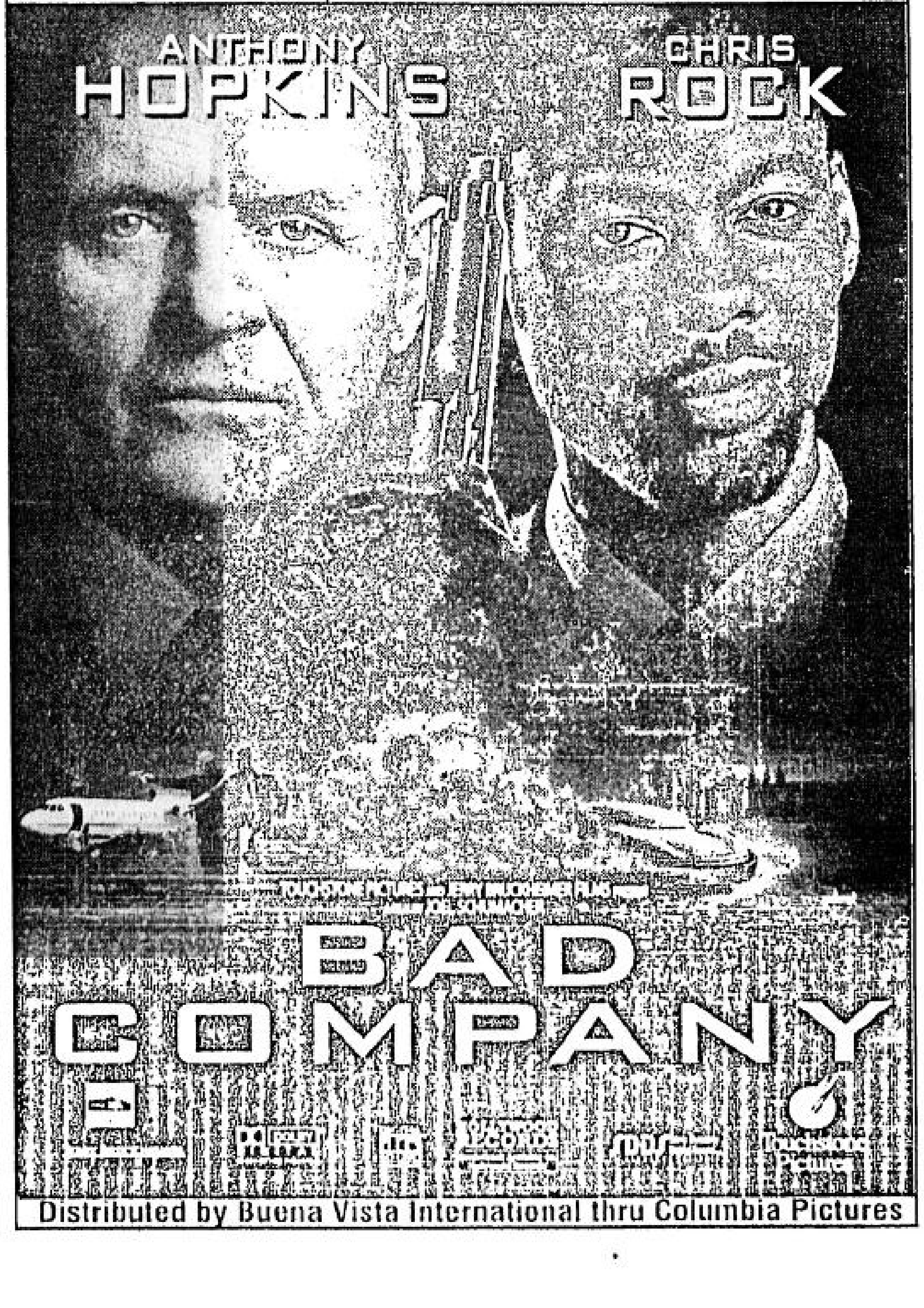
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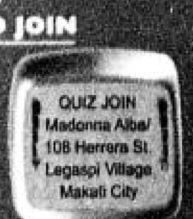

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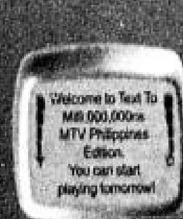

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TURALBA today

From tobacco trading at 12 to real estate development

ANTONIO and Cristina Turalba on their wedding day in July 1966

TURALBA circa 1970s sporting the hair and fashion of the time

ANTONIO Turalba in front of the Active Realty's building along Gil Puyat Avenue in 1981

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

ANTONIO A. Turalba would have become a big trader of tobacco leaves, instead of the real estate developer he is now.

Turalba was well on his way to becoming a big time trader in 1955, when he was only 12 years old.

FIRST JOB

He would wake up at 6 a.m., station himself with his weighing scale near the highway in La Union and intercept tobacco farmers on their way to the market. He would offer them a good price for their tobacco, then repack and sell the classified and bundled tobacco leaves to Chinese traders.

He was earning thousands of pesos even before he became a teenager.

Turalba, founder and chair of the Active Realty Group, tells SundayBiz that he was in his second year in high school when he first ventured into the tobacco trade. It became so lucrative for him that he even had to hire older and bigger workers to carry the tobacco leaves for him.

The business eventually became his first priority at the expense of his studies.

Turalba learned the business ropes in high school

"My father became very angry when he learned that I no longer wanted to go to school because I was earning a lot from my own business. He spanked me all the way to school and told me that the business was not worth my education, so I no longer did it during school days, but on weekends and holidays," Turalba says.

Ironically his father was in the tobacco trading business but did not want Antonio to follow his footsteps at that age.

Turalba continued his tobacco trade all through high school and then decided to become a full-time student when he moved to Manila in 1959 to pursue his Architecture degree at the University of the Philippines. He says he chose architecture because there was no architect in his province.

"It was such a culture shock for me when I first went to UP but it was not long before I learned how to deal with different kinds of people," he says.

It was also in UP where he met his future wife, Cristina S. Valera, and partner in setting up the Active Group. He married her before he finished his degree, but he was confident that he would be able to provide a good life for them and their future children.

"I told her at that time that she would never go hungry with me. I was still a student, but that was how confident I was," he says.

It was this confidence that pushed the hus-

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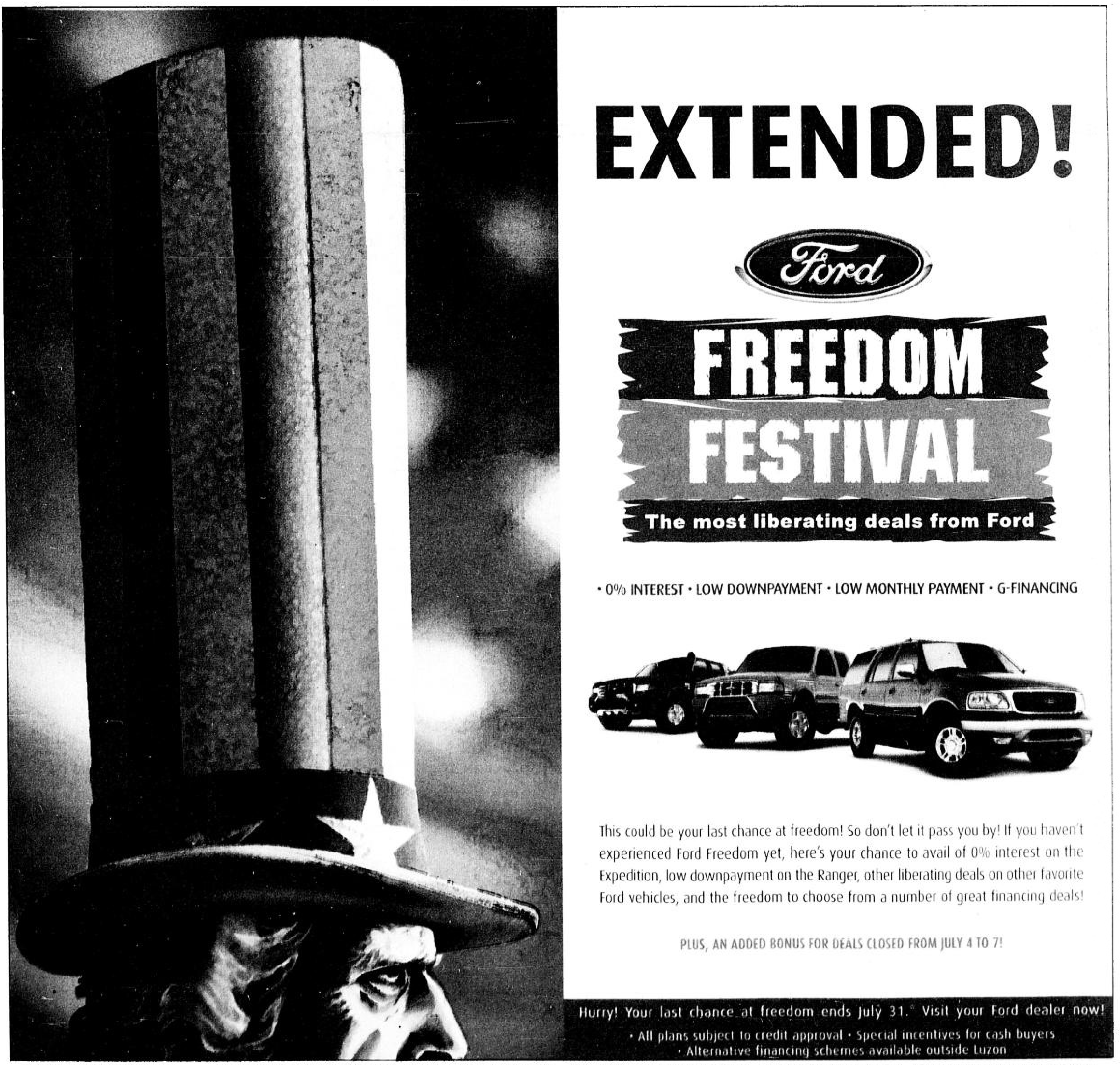

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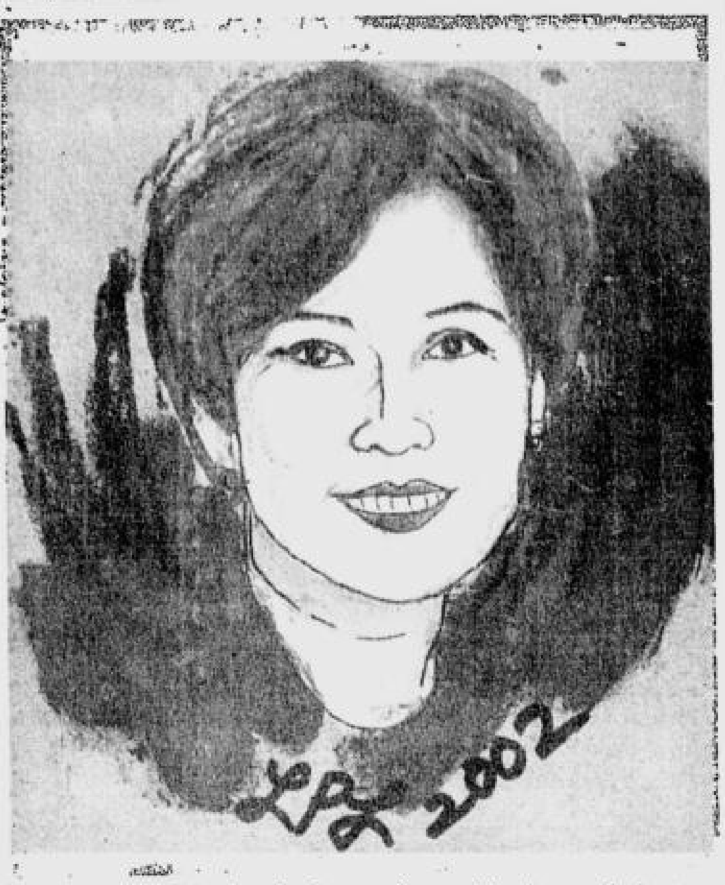

NINA Aguas, who heads the credit card business of giant Citibank N.A. in the Philippines, must be worried these days after the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas raised its grave concern over the rising incidence of past-due loans on credit cards. The BSP is even considering suspending the issuance of new cards, a gloomy prospect for credit card companies like Citibank.

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A movement must change its 'theory' or be marginalized

"The Communist Party of the Philippines"
by Kathleen Weekley
University of the Philippines Press, 2001

By Dante M. Velasco
Contributor

EXECUTIVE READ

WE begin with a paraphrase of a saying that went the rounds among former or reluctant activists that ran: "If you are not an activist at age 30 or below, you have no heart; but if you are still an activist at 31 and above, you have no mind."

Obviously, this quote downgrades activism as a passing interest. Which is not necessarily true. We have, for example, an activist Supreme Court, inhabited by justices already pushing 70!

But, a grain of truth is inescapable. Otherwise, how do you explain firebrand activists that figured in the First Quarter Storm in the early '70s—who now occupy comfortable sinecures in government or are top strategists in corporate boardrooms?

How do you make sense of leftist editors, who wrote editorials in college campus papers ringing with Marxist-Leninist rhetoric, who are now resident intellectuals in the highest rung of public policy makers.

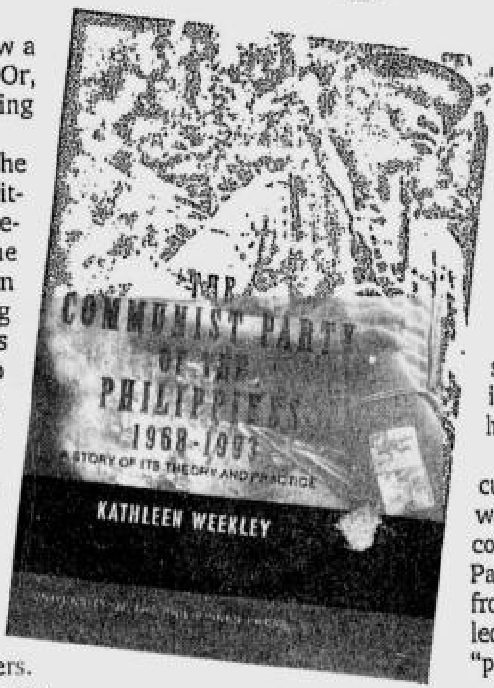
Also, they have become gurus on propaganda and advocacy efforts of civil society. Or, they remained "ideologically pure" as academicians waxing nostalgic over a glorious past.

Where have all the revolutionaries gone? Quo vadis, "Revolution"?

What has happened to the revolutionary movement in the Philippines—a highly visible force in the '70s and '80s? Is it now a faint memory, a spent force? Or, is it lying low and quiet preceding a dramatic comeback?

"The Communist Party of the Philippines—1968-1993," written by Kathleen Weekley, a research fellow from Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, is an interesting study of a movement that was very close to coming to power—or, at the very least, to sharing power with the country's traditional rulers.

In 1985, according to this book, "the national revolutionary movement was a serious threat to the state" with around 30,000 members, 59 guerrilla fronts and 24,000 regulars and part-timers.


THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES 1968-1993
A STORY OF ITS THEORY AND PRACTICE
KATHLEEN WEEKLEY

This book is interesting on two counts. First, it is an instructive study of a national movement, driven by a revolutionary theory, swelled by "believers," and strengthened by a show of force.

Second, it is a moment of "discovery" or "rediscovery"—as if a thin layer of our social fabric is peeled off to reveal a world largely hidden from the public eye, whose underground activities occasionally shook the foundations of "visible society."

We know much about recent history from the Marcosian dictatorship to the Ninoy Aquino assassination; from the first Edsa revolt to the ascendancy of two post-Edsa Presidents Cory Aquino and Fidel Ramos.

This book gives us a parallel—albeit largely hidden—history of a movement inspired by Karl Marx and indoctrinated by Mao Tse Tung, which infused energy to the left-leaning labor movement and surfaced as a broad-based socialist coalition named the "National Democratic Front."

As a doctoral dissertation, the study was actually interested in finding out the "place of theory" in revolutionary practice—with a disturbing conclusion that the "25 years of revolutionary practice indicated a problem with formulae."

In layman's terms, the author is saying that the movement could not have petered out if, midstream, it reassessed its assumptions and changed strategy to suit deep changes in political and social conditions.

The Communist Party's mistake, the author concludes, is that it "ignored the relationship between the 'objective and subjective reality.'" The view of the masses must be part of reality, and "not a convenient feature of a democratic struggle."

The account is given a human face, especially when it discusses Jose Maria Sison's intellectual treatises and Bernabe Buscayno's folk heroism. It also provides us an insight into the previous appeal of the globalized "revolution" that has placed Mao and Che Guevarra on a pedestal.

The author is incisive when she discusses the deep split within the ranks of the Party, especially addressing the question whether the movement will continue the "armed struggle".

She quotes a weary armed insurgent: "The argument for war is lost when the light of peace—however dim—shines through."

This organizational "wedge" cut more deeply when the Party was divided over whether to boycott the 1986 elections or not. The Party finally decided to stay away from the electoral exercise—which led, according to Ms Weekley, to its "political marginalization."

A section, titled "From Vanguard to Rearguard," captures the decline (from the author's viewpoint) of the movement.

Actually, one discerns a sympathetic treatment from an author whose passion and interest are on issues of national identity, citizenship and human rights. She rues the fact that the movement, even during its "rectification campaign," still wanted to "return to a world that no longer exists."

So, you ask: What's the value of a study that analyzes the decline of a movement?

First (if you just change the ideological bent), this becomes an excellent guide to driving a new movement toward achieving a goal. Second, you will realize once again, especially in this century, that theory must change when times are deeply altered. And, third, know that a socialist opposition—this time wearing the garb of non-violence—may still provide the necessary counterweight to the exteme right. And thus make real democracy possible. *(dantemv@I-next.net)*

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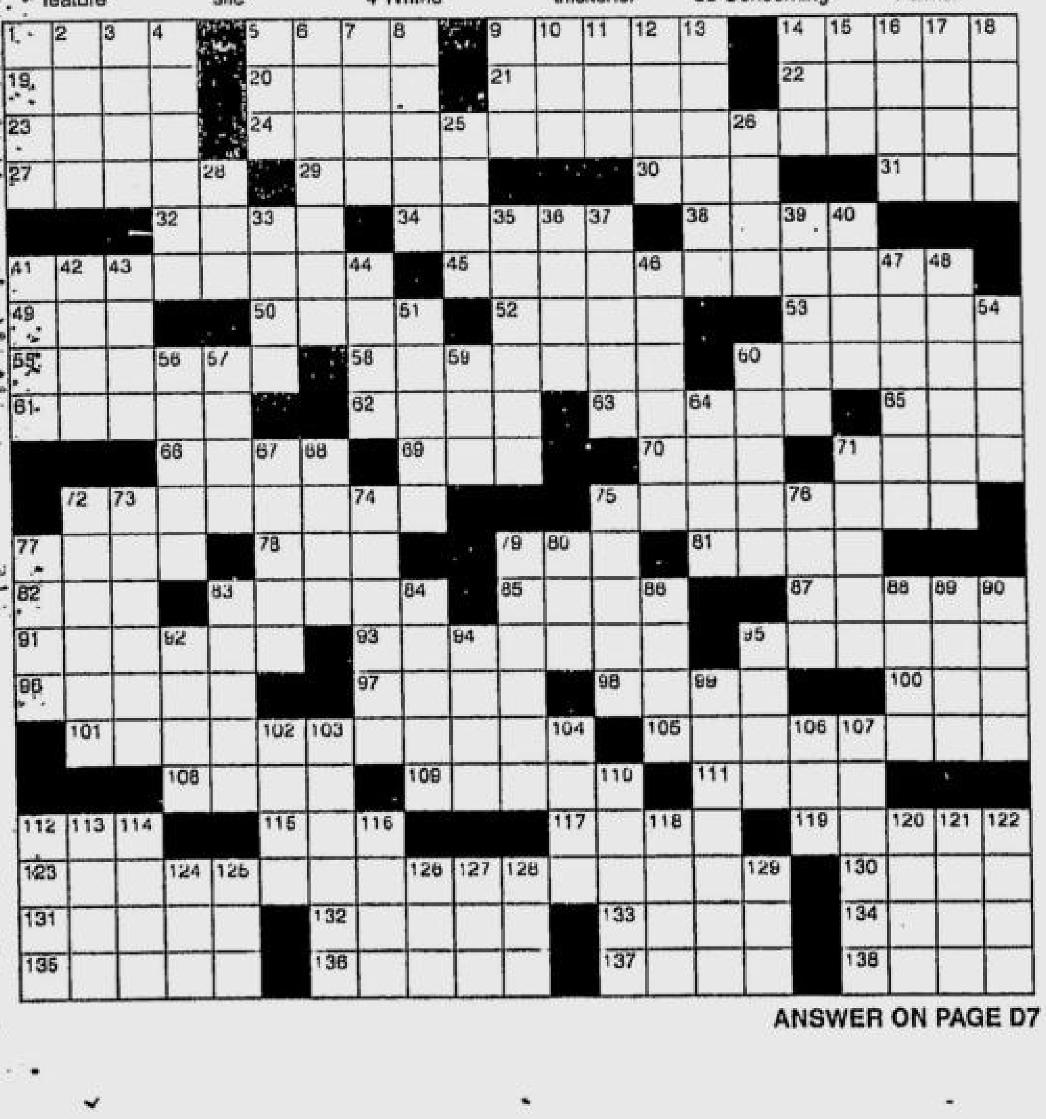

ANSWER ON PAGE D7

From tobacco trading . . .

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band-and-wife team to put up their own architecture firm in 1970, the year that Turalba passed the Board of Examinations for Architects in 5th place.

"We were only four employees when we started. Cristina and I were the architects and we had two draftsmen. We started with friends and family and our first big project was the Pamantasan ng Maynila building. We took over the project from Cristina's uncle," he explains.

From there, the Turalbas went into the build-and-sell business in 1971. Their first house was a residence in Tierra Pura, Quezon City. Turalba proudly says that this house is still standing with no significant changes made on the original design.

Construction came next in 1974 and business was booming for the Turalbas with projects coming in left and right, but then the dip came the next year because of the combined effects of the oil crisis and the downturn in the local and global economies.

Business, however, eventually went back to normal and in 1980, the Turalbas put up Active Realty. Everything was smooth sailing again until 1983 when the Aquino assassination pulled down the economy yet again. After that it was a series of cycles that pushed the Active Group higher up the ranks of the country's biggest real estate firms.

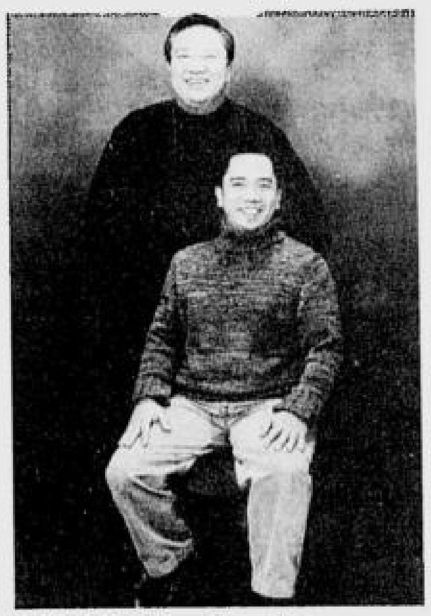
From the buy-and-sell business, the Active Group went into the subdivision development market and middle- to low-income housing projects. It even put up a golf course and country club in Lipa, Batangas, as the group, and the rest of the players in the real estate market, rode on the real estate boom.

These projects include the Town and Country Hills, San Agustin Realty, Avignon Tower, Arcadia and Mt. Malarayat.

Turalba attributes the success of the Active Group to the group's value of delivering promises to the buyers. He says he learned the values of integrity as a 12-year-old boy trying to convince much older farmers that he would give them a good price and making Chinese traders believe he meant business.

"I was forced to develop confidence when I was young because I was dealing with people who were much older than me. The only way that I could convince them to deal with me was to show them that I was sincere and that they could trust me. It is the same in the real estate business," he says.

THE TURALBA Family (2001) on one of their frequent trips together.



ANTONIO Sr. with only son Antonio Jr. who is now COO of Active Realty.

Turalba explains that just like in the tobacco trade, he had to convince bankers at the start that they could extend him credit lines because he would keep his end of the bargain. He also had to prove to home buyers that he would be able to deliver what he promised, with no changes in the agreed budget.

"People used to be scared of dealing with architects because home owners felt that the contract price would always be changed in the middle of the construction or that the construction firm would not finish the project. We avoided this," he says.

"It is hard to fulfill the commitment because sometimes you will be faced with the possibility of losing money on a project. But I said that it is better to lose money than to lose face," he adds.

The reputation for completing projects allowed the Active group to take on more projects and at one time had as many as 1,000 employees in its payroll during the real estate boom of the 1990s. Cristina handled the creative side of the business while Antonio managed the business side.

The good times, however, suddenly came to an end in 1998 following the Asian currency crisis. The real estate market dried up and suddenly there were no more buyers. The Active group was saddled with a big inventory and it was forced to trim off its assets and concentrate on its core real estate business. It even had to set aside plans to list its shares on the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Turalba, however, looks at the downturn as a challenge and an opportunity for him and his children to learn a few hard lessons.

"We were carried away just like the other real estate players but then we learned to put on the brakes. I believe that it was a good thing that my children went through the downturn so now they know what to do," Turalba says.

From a diversified company that even went into banking at one time, the Active group now is leaner and better able to maneuver opportunities in the real estate sector.

In 26 years, the group and its affiliates have acquired more than 2,000 hectares of raw land for both horizontal and vertical development. It provides resources in architecture, planning, construction, land development, marketing, financing, banking and insurance.

Turalba has also pulled back from the direct management of his company, preferring to travel with his wife and go diving once in a while. He, however, never fails to impart to his children the lessons that he learned at 12 years old.

Good Shepherd's jams send poor, young people to college

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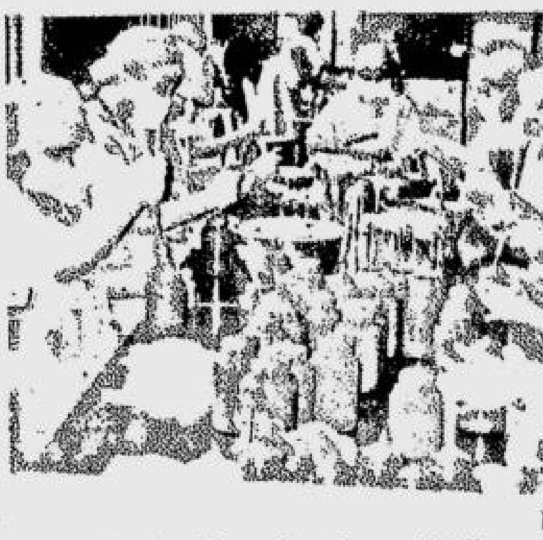

GOOD Shepherd's products' assembly line.

BAGUIO CITY—Among the best attractions of this mountain resort are not only what the eye can see but what the tongue can relish.

And these are the strawberry and ube jams, peanut brittle, orange marmalade, cookies, lengua de gato (a special kind of cookies), bread and other products of the Religious of the Good Shepherd (RGS) here.

Good Shepherd's products have become synonymous with Baguio. These products have thus become part of the standard *pasalubong* (gifts) that vacationers and visitors bring home to their families, sweethearts and friends.

But Good Shepherd's products didn't become famous overnight. These products have a long history, evolving from the love, prayers, industry and patience of pioneering sisters who helped give flesh to the vision and dream of then Bishop William Brasseur, apostolic vicar of the Mountain Provinces.

As a young CICM missionary assigned to the Cordillera in 1931, Brasseur had seen early on the need to educate and empower the poor but deserving young people of the highlands.

He thus requested the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to set up a foundation here.

Mother Mary Ursula Jung, the RGS superior general at that time, gladly acceded to Brasseur's request.

On Nov. 11, 1952, the RGS Los Angeles province in the United States assigned four sisters to Baguio. They were Mother Victory Walsh (Irish), Sr. Mary John Eudes Heredia (Filipino-Belgian), Sr. M. Rose Virginia Hayes (American) and Sr. Mary Carmel Medalla (Filipino).

Trying times

The early years of the four pioneering RGS sisters were times that tried their souls. Referred by the bishop, parish priests and social workers to the RGS sisters were poor girls, some of them abandoned because of broken families.

More girls kept coming and the RGS sisters welcomed each of them even if the sisters had to beg for rejected vegetables at the city's public market, which they mixed with few slices of meat for their viand.

In 1953, the RGS sisters opened the Pelletier Hills School for the young girls. A vital part of the school's curriculum was home economics, under which the sisters taught the girls how to cook, sew dresses, bake and process fruits such as strawberries into jam.

The sisters also taught the girls homemaking, gardening, cosmetology and other cottage industry skills.

Medalla, who was the first in Baguio to cook strawberry jam in 1952, taught the skill to the girls.

Soon the girls were making jams, bread and other quality products for sale. This eventually freed the sisters from having to beg for vegetables from the public market, which they felt was rather a downgrading way to support the girls.

Medalla, now 82, still vividly recalls how she and the other sisters and the girls once displayed and sold their products in a 1-meter high and 1-meter wide pine-slab shelf at a corner of a one-floor cottage here in the 1950s.

On that small rolling shelf, the sisters displayed a variety of products—strawberry jams, peanut brittle, orange marmalade, bread, cookies and non-food items such as plastic flowers and rosaries.

Medalla says that from the start their products were not meant for business, but were simply the sisters' innovative way to augment their income to sustain their apostolate or mission—to continue "shepherding" abandoned and abused girls.

At that time the sisters had a hard time selling their products. "We therefore had to pray hard to St. Joseph to send us more customers," said Medalla.

Better times

Those hard times are over.

"Before, we had to run after customers to buy our products," says Delfin Fidel, the convent's maintenance man for 40 years. "We even had to bring and sell the products to the city proper. Now, our customers run after us to sell them our products."

As the number of customers increased, the sisters had to move their store to its present site where customers, many of them from Manila, can park their vehicles.

The present store is part of a three-story building, which replaced an old cottage that a killer quake destroyed in 1990.

The RGS built the building from the savings they earned from Good Shepherd's products.

"We really saved for the building because of our desire to give better working conditions for our working students," says Sr. Mary Teresa Danganan, the convent coordinator.

The building houses the Mountain Maid Training Center, a more spacious, well-ventilated and comfortable work area where working students learn the art and science of cooking ube and strawberry jams, peanut brittle and other Good Shepherd products.

The center has replaced the Pelletier Hills School, which the sisters phased out in 1974. But the center still keeps Bishop Brasseur's vision to see more people from the Cordillera get to school and be freed from poverty.

The center has since been accepting young men and women of poor families who want to pursue college. The center also offers hostel service to those who have no relatives in the city, particularly first- and second-year students.

The center now has 188 young people, most of them girls, who work part-time (at least 24 hours a week) cooking either strawberry or ube jam and peanut brittle or baking lengua de gato, alfajor, (another special kind of cookies), ensaimada and other products.

During the rest of the day, they shed their kitchen aprons, headgear and masks and hie off to any of the five colleges and universities in the city to pursue college.

At the center, the young people don't only work. They also attend "spiritual formation" and retreats, leadership training, prayer sessions and shibashi, a meditative healing movement, all of which are included in their paid hours, says Danganan.

Through all these formation and training, the young people, says Danganan, get to appreciate the story behind every bottle of jam and every jar of cookies they make—"the convergence of the sisters' and Cordillera young peoples' giftedness to pursue a mission."

THE HANDS that make one of Baguio's attractions—ube jam.
PHOTOS BY MAURICE MALANES

The working students at the center are also entitled to mid-year and 13th-month bonuses, outings, recollection and other incentives.

The center also coordinates with the Department of Labor and Employment, which subsidizes 40 percent of the pay of additional working students during summer under the DOLE's special employment program for students.

This is a big help to the center, which has to meet the growing demands of customers during summer when they buy an average of 1,000 to 1,500 24-ounce bottles of ube jam daily.

Almost the same volume of strawberry jam and jars of peanut brittle is also disposed of daily during the peak season, which starts during the Baguio flower festival in February, the Philippine Military Academy graduation in March until the Holy Week.

Quality products, grads

One goal of the center, said Danganan, is to produce not only quality strawberry and ube jams and other products, but also quality graduates. These graduates have not only excelled in academics but who have also become more responsible and better citizens.

Asked about what she learned from the center as a working student, Julie Ramilo says, "Do well all that you do (internalizing an edict from RGS founder St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier), maximize the use of all things, and budget your time and money."

Having lost her father at nine, Ramilo, the second to the last in a brood of eight, says she is lucky to have finished her commerce course by working part-time at the center. The daughter of farmer-parents from Sison, Pangasinan, is now the center's finance officer.

Josephine Bumanghat, the center's store supervisor, also finished commerce, majoring in banking and finance, through the center.

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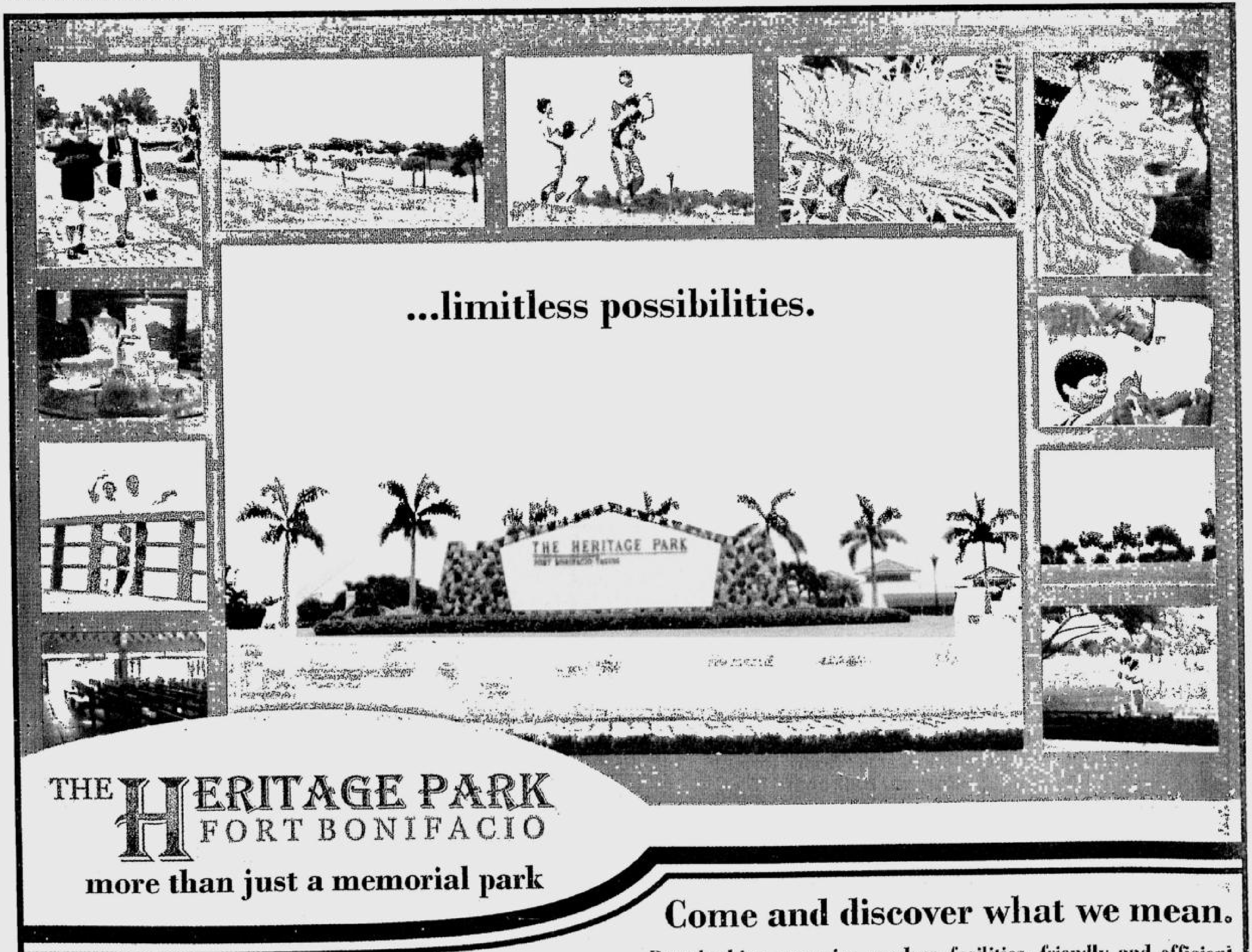

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Invitation to Local Consultants to submit Letter of Interest
Assessment of the IPM Programme

Team of Local Consultants are invited to submit letter of interest for the Assessment of the IPM Programme in the CASCADE covered municipalities of Nueva Vizcaya, Nueva Ecija and Benguet.

The study is expected to generate a thorough assessment of the adoption and impact of the IPM Strategy, the relevance of the FFS as an extension approach and an evaluation of the mechanisms for monitoring and measurement of impact of the IPM strategy.

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Please send in your application not later than July 15, 2002, to the

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6. The Department of Social Welfare and Development will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
7. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held on **24 July 2002, 9:00 AM** at the Administrative Conference Room, Second Floor, DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City.
8. The DSWD-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality in the bids received and/or to accept the bid as may be considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) RHODA F. YAP
Assistant Secretary and BAC Chairperson

(PDI -- June 30 & July 7, 2002)

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III. **Thoracic And Cardiovascular Surgery**
  - 5 years Residency in General Surgery accredited by PCS
  - Must have passed certifying examination given by the PBS (Board eligible/Diplomate)
  - At least qualified to take PBS certifying examination and the submission of satisfactory results of the in-service training examinations

IV. **Pulmonary Medicine**
  - PCP Diplomate

V. **Anesthesiology**
  - 3 years Residency in General Anesthesia accredited by PBA (Board eligible)
  - 3 months (October to December) pre-fellowship (except for graduates of the Philippine Heart Center Anesthesia Residency Program)

VI. **1 Year Clinical Research Fellowship for** Non-Invasive Cardiology, Invasive Cardiology, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Critical Care Medicine, Electrophysiology, Peripheral Vascular Medicine, Pediatric Invasive & Non-Invasive Cardiology, Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery and Pulmonary Medicine.

1 Year Fellowship Program for Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, and Biological and Clinical Laboratory.

RESIDENCY (QUERT not required) fill up application at DOH for matching (for Medical Board Passers)

I. **Radiology**
II. **Nuclear Medicine**
III. **Biological and Clinical Laboratory (Pathology)**

General Requirements for Application for Fellowship & Residency:

1. Medical Diploma
2. Transcript of Records with the General Average
3. Itemized Board Rating
4. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation (coming from different Doctors specifically the Training Officer &/or Director of the previous training programs)
5. Four (4) pcs. 2"x2" picture colored
6. Certificate of Residency in required specialty
7. Specialty Board Certificate in required specialty

Please address your communications to:
JOSE A. YULDE, M.D.
Assistant Director
Office of Education and Research
Philippine Heart Center
East Avenue, Quezon City

* *Deadline for submission of application is on August 31, 2002*
* *Academic Year 2003 starts on January 1, 2003*

For further inquiries, please contact Ms. Carmela M. Ocasion (cp# 09196239902) or Ms. Cleopatra Q. Palencia (cp# 09207645273) with Tel. Nos. 925-2401 locals 3234, 3235, 3236 & 3237 and Telefax 926-9622, or you can email to oer@phc.gov.ph

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills
City of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila

SEC ADVISORY

June 24, 2002

In response to numerous inquiries and complaints which the Commission has received regarding the corporation **EAST AND WEST PACIFIC AAA FOUNDATION**, headed by a certain Mr. Alvin Alvincent Almirante, the Commission wishes to inform the public that proceedings for **THE REVOCATION OF THE CORPORATE FRANCHISE** have been initiated against said corporation, on the ground of "[s]erious misrepresentation as to what the corporation can do or is doing to the great prejudice of or damage to the general public".

For guidance and information.

(PDI – July 7, 2002)

PNOC SHIPPING & TRANSPORT CORPORATION

S & L Building, 1500 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines
P.O. Box EA-469, Ermita 1000, Manila
Tel. Nos. 525-9271 to 80
Fax. No. 525-8376

BIDDING NOTICE

The PNOC SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT CORPORATION (PSTC) hereby informs all interested bidders on the CANCELLATION of the bidding for the purchase of a clean petroleum tanker scheduled on July 08, 2002.

A new schedule will be announced later in compliance with the newly issued government procurement policy.

PSTC Tanker Purchase Committee.

(PDI--July 7, 2002)

Philippine Air Force
Headquarters Air Logistics and Support Command
Clark Air Base, Philippine Air Force
(Air Force City)
Angeles City, Pampanga

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Philippine Air Force is inviting bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the Inspection Repair as Necessary (IRAN) of one (1) F-27 aircraft with tail nr. 59-0259.

Interested bidders may avail of the Pre-eligibility documents at the PAF BAC Secretariat, ALSC, CAB, Pampanga. Submission thereof must not be later than **August 3, 2002.**

The Pre-bidding conference will be held on **August 15, 2002,** where the actual bidding date shall be announced to eligible bidders.

The Philippine Air Force reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any defects found therein and accept the bids as may be considered most advantageous to the government.

For particulars, please contact **MAJ FERNANDO M REBOJA PAF**, Tel. Nr. **0919-235-3229** Air Logistics and Support Command, Air Force City, Clark Air Base, Pampanga.

(Sgd.) **ARTEMIO U. LIM**
Colonel, PAF (GSC)
Chairman, PAF BAC

(PDI - July 7, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Negros Oriental
Office of the Provincial Governor
Capitol, Dumaguete City

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Provincial Government of Negros Oriental invites all interested suppliers of Drugs, Medicines, HLMD Supplies and Devices to pre-qualify and submit sealed bids for its Bulk Procurement Program:

Bidding Schedule:

Drugs and Medicines	-	**August 7, 2002 at 10:00 AM**
HLMD Supplies & Devices	-	**August 9, 2002 at 10:00 AM**

All bidders must accredit with the Committee on Awards not later than July 30, 2002. The list of pre-qualification requirements may be obtained from the Committee on Awards Secretariat (Provincial General Services Office).

Sealed bids will be accepted not later than 10:00 o'clock in the morning of the scheduled date of bidding at the NOPH Social Hall, Provincial Hospital Compound, Dumaguete City, at which time and place said bid proposals will be opened.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **July 31, 2002** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the same venue.

The Committee on Awards reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any required formality and award the contract to the bidder whose bid proposal as evaluated by the Committee is the most advantageous to the government, not to indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd) **GEORGE P. ARNAIZ**
Governor of Negros Oriental

(PDI--June 30 & July 7, 2002)

Republika ng Pilipinas
Pambansang Korporasyon Sa Elektrisidad
(NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION)

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2002-08A

The Southern Luzon Transco (SLT), NPC wishes to invite interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below:

SCHEDULE		ITEM DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER
		DATE OF BIDDING: AUGUST 13, 2002; 2:00 PM	
A1	1 LOT	JOB ORDER: LOADING, HAULING, UNLOADING, SPOTTING & COMMISSIONING OF 50MVA POWER TRANSFORMER, ITS ACCESSORIES FROM NPC-LIMAY, BATAAN TO NPC KALAYAAN S/S, KALAYAAN-LAGUNA	OPO-02-020
A2	1 LOT	JOB ORDER: SUPPLY OF LABOR, MATERIALS AND SUPERVISION ON SITE SEALING AND REPAIR OF 5MVA POWER TRANSFORMERS OIL LEAK LOCATED AT LIPA S/S	A1-02-081
		DATE OF BIDDING: AUGUST 14, 2002; 2:00 PM	
B1	196 PCS	INSULATOR, SUSPENSION COMPOSITE SILICON RUBBER SHEETS FOR 230KV APPLICATION	3ATL-02-061
	296 PCS	INSULATOR, STRAIN COMPOSITE SILICON RUBBER SHEDS 230KV STRAIN APPLICATION	
B2	23 PCS	CLAMP STRAIN, ALUMINUM 4-UBOLT, COMPLETE WITH SOCKET EYE FITTING FOR 336.4MCM ACSR	3ALT02-030
	38 PCS	SHACKLE ANCHOR WITH CLAIM LINK, HOT DIPPED GALVANIZE	
	3 REELS	WIRE OVERHEAD GROUND (OHGW) 3/8" DIAMETER OR 7/8" DIAMETER, 10% ALUMINUM CLADDING WITH MAXIMUM STRENGTH NOT LESS THAN 10,000 LBS., 3,000M/REEL	
	122 PCS	Y-CLEVIS & SOCKET COMBINATION, HOT DIPPED GALVANIZE	

Note: A Pre-Bidding Conference will be held for the following bidding schedules on:

1) A1 - July 29, 2002; 10:00 AM at SLRO Bidding Room
2) A2 - July 29, 2002; 11:00 AM at SLRO Bidding Room
3) B1 - July 30, 2002; 10:00 AM at SLRO Bidding Room
4) B2 - July 30, 2002; 11:00 AM at SLRO Bidding Room

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Office of the Manager, Administration Division, SLRC, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, upon payment of a non-refundable fees of P100.00 per schedule starting July 8, 2002. No bid documents will be issued on the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the SLRC Bidding Room, NPC-SLRC, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna until 2:00 o'clock PM on the date specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and initial Technical Proposals of eligibility bidders will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. Bids shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of "Executive Order 262 and 40".

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to at least 2.5% of the approved budget in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, Surety Bond, penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) R.D. RAMAS
Manager, Administration
Transco South

(PDI – July 7, 2002)

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY
PNOC Building VI, Energy Center
Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, M.M.
Tel No : 555-0254 / 840-1440

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (PNOC) invites accredited Suppliers/Contractors to submit sealed bids for the following requirements:

Project Title	Pre-bid Meeting	Pre-Qual. Deadline	Bid deadline
Supply of Labor & materials for the Sealing & Cleaning of Glass Curtain of the PNOC Building	July 15, 2002 / (2:00 PM)	August 02, 2002	Aug. 13, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Repainting of the Exterior of the PNOC Building (RE-BID)	July 16, 2002 / (2:30 PM)	August 02, 2002	Aug. 13, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Two (2) year Internet Leased Line Connection Service	July 18, 2002 / (2:00 PM)	August 16, 2002	Aug. 27, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Custodial Services (Janitors/Plumber/ Carpenter) for the PNOC Building	July 25, 2002 / (2:00 PM)	August 16, 2002	Aug. 29, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Messengerial Services	July 25, 2002 / (2:30 PM)	August 16, 2002	Sept. 03, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Supply of Purified Drinking Water/ Water Dispenser	-	August 16, 2002	Sept. 03, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Photocopying Services (Copier-Rental)	-	August 16, 2002	Sept. 10, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Maintenance of Fire Protection System	-	August 16, 2002	Sept. 10, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Maintenance of PABX System	-	August 16, 2002	Sept. 10, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Pest Control Services (PNOC Building)	July 30, 2002 / (2:00 PM)	August 16, 2002	Sept. 12, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Pest Control Services (PNOC Housing - Batangas)	July 30, 2002 / (2:30 PM)	August 16, 2002	Sept. 12, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Shuttle Services (2 buses)	Aug. 6, 2002 / (2:00 PM)	August 16, 2002	Sept. 17, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Rental of Ornamental Plants	-	August 16, 2002	Sept. 17, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Security Services (M Mla. Properties)	Aug. 1, 2002 / (2:30 PM)	August 16, 2002	Sept. 19, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Security Services (Provincial Properties)	Aug. 1, 2002 / (3:00 PM)	August 16, 2002	Sept. 19, 2002 / (2:00 PM)
Canteen Concessionaire	Aug. 1, 2002 / 2:00 PM)	August 16, 2002	Sept. 19, 2002 / (2:00 PM)

Interested ACCREDITED parties may obtain bid forms upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 per bid package from the PNOC-Property and Supply Management Division (PSMD) at the G/F of the PNOC Building.

Interested parties who are not yet accredited must first pass the pre-qualification process. Pre-qualification documents-checklist is available (M-F, 9am-3pm) at the said address upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00, which must be accomplished and submitted to PSMD on or before the set deadline. Failure to pre-qualify would render the concerned parties automatically disqualified from this bidding.

For purposes of clarifying issues, interested parties are encouraged to attend the pre-bid meeting as scheduled.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security equivalent to 10% of the total bid price but not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00), secured from any one of PNOC's accredited bonding companies.

The PNOC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive formality therein or to accept such bids or to award any work that are considered most advantageous to the company.

(Sgd.) ATTY. PEDRO A. AQUINO, JR.
Senior Vice President
Legal Admin & Estate Mgt Services

(PDI - July 7 & 8, 2002)

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
KAGAWARAN NG KAGALINGANG PANLIPUNAN AT PAGPAPAUNLAD
(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT)
BATASAN PAMBANSA COMPLEX, CONSTITUTION HILLS
QUEZON CITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS
IFB NO. ECD-PMO/02-DSWD-004

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the cost of the Early Childhood Development Project (Loan No. 4301-PH). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under this Contract.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply and Delivery of the Department of Education Grade 1 Instructional Materials to School Divisions in Region VI.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the World Bank guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and is open to all bidders from eligible countries as defined in the guidelines.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the Office of the BAC Secretariat, 2nd Floor, Administrative Building, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City, Philippines with Tel. Nos. (632) 931-8161 & 931-8101 to 07 loc. 126, Fax No. (632) 951-7116.

13,815 sets	Tangrams	20,700 sets	Tool Bench
13,815 sets	Table Blocks	20,700 sets	Lacing Beads
20,700 sets	Counting Frame	20,700 sets	Unit Blocks
20,700 sets	Picture Dominoes		

Bidder may submit offer for an individual item, combination of items or all items.

5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting July 15, 2002, on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P2,000.00/set.
6. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Goods.
7. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of total bid amount in the form of a bank guarantee, irrevocable letter of credit, manager's check, cashier's or certified check valid for 120 days and must be delivered to the Administrative Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Administrative Building on or before 2:00 p.m., August 8, 2002
8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held on July 24, 2002, 2:00 p.m. at the address indicated in paragraph 7.
9. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 2:00 p.m., August 8, 2002 at the Administrative Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Administrative Building, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Batasan Complex.
10. The Department of Social Welfare and Development reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formality in the bids received or to accept such bids which may be considered most responsive and advantageous.

(Sgd.) RHODA F. YAP
Assistant Secretary and
Chairperson, DSWD-BAC

(PDI - June 30 & July 7, 2002)

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

IN THE MATTER OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE RESERVE FORCE AND DEPUTATION OF THE RESERVED COMMAND, ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES IN CONNECTION WITH THE JULY 15, 2002 ELECTIONS.
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Chairman Benjamin S. Abalos, Sr.
Commissioner Luzviminda G. Tancangco
Commissioner Rufino S. B. Javier
Commissioner Ralph C. Lantion
Commissioner Mehol K. Sadain
Commissioner Resurreccion Z. Borra
Commissioner Florentino A. Tuason, Jr.

PROMULGATED: **July 2, 2002**

RESOLUTION NO. 5013

This Commission on Elections, pursuant, to the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code and other election laws, has RESOLVED to deputize the Reserve Force and Reserved Command of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) for poll duties in connection with the July 15, 2002 elections, for the exclusive purpose of ensuring, free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections, and as such deputies, they are under the direct supervision and control of the Commission on Elections. For this purpose, the AFP Reserved Force and the Reserve Command are hereby directed:

1. To immediately mobilize the two thousand four hundred seventy (2,470) reservists (Ready Reserve) through its Commanding General to report to the units to which they are attached. Excepted from this mobilization/call are Reservists who are appointed or elected officials of the government, including local government units and government owned or controlled corporations, and candidates for public office.
2. To alert said Reservists and Reserve Officers that the Commission will deploy them for poll duties in connection with the July 15, 2002 elections, subject to the following conditions:
   a) They shall be deployed on July 14-16, 2002, and assigned anywhere within their designated province or city and in less critical areas as may be determined by the Chairman of the Commission upon recommendation of the Commissioner-in-charge of the Region;
   b) They shall be considered on active duty training (ADT) during the election period;
   c) They shall be non-partisan at all times and be subject to the rules and discipline of members of the AFP on active duty;
   d) They shall perform poll duties as COMELEC Poll Watchers and Peace Officers and assist the election officers and members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) or AFP in their peacekeeping mission.

d.1. As Commission Watchers –

i) They shall wear full uniform with arms and be provided with identification cards as Commission deputies;
ii) They shall assist the Board of Election Inspectors (BEIs) in maintaining order in the polling places, but shall not enter the precincts except when summoned by the BEI to enforce order among the voters and political watchers during the voting and counting of votes;
iii) They shall cooperate with other Commission deputies or representatives in the field.

d.2. As Peace Officers –

i) They shall constitute roving teams to secure and check regularly the polling places assigned to them;
ii) They shall preemptively neutralize trouble makers in the precincts where they are assigned;
iii) They shall assist the elements of PNP and AFP;
iv) They shall arrest persons violating election laws and immediately turn those arrested over to the PNP.

The different task force groups of Task Force Hope (TFH) shall exercise operational control and supervision over the Ready Reserve (RR).

For a more effective coordination and implementation of the directives of the Commission relating to the deployment of reservists, the Commission hereby designates the Commanding General of the Philippine Army as OVERALL Commander nationwide. The Area Commanders for their respective areas shall act as the Commission on Elections COORDINATORS of all reserve units who are Commission deputies in connection with the July 15, 2002 elections. These Ready Reserve (RR) will be placed under the operation control and supervision of the different task groups of TFH.

For each day of actual election duty, from July 14 to 16, 2002, each reservist deployed shall be entitled to an allowance of three hundred pesos (P300.00), to be paid by the Commission through the AFP. The insurance coverage of not less than P100,000.00 to cover death, disability, accident and hospitalization shall be borne by the Commission. The AFP shall provide the logistical needs of the Reservists for the other days they are in briefing, training or on mobilization.

e) The major service Reserve Comments (RECOMS) and the AFP Reserve Command will maintain its administrative supervision over their respective activated units.

f) Actual deployment of these Ready Reserve (RR) units shall be made in close coordination of the Comelec offices in the area.

This resolution shall take effect immediately and be published in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Copies of this resolution shall be furnished to the Secretary of National Defense, the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Commanding General, Philippine Army, and the Commander of the Reserve Command, AFP, the Commanders of the Area Commands of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Regional Election Directors, the Provincial Election Supervisors, and all Election Officers, the political parties citizen's arms and shall give this resolution the widest publicity possible.

The Deputy Executive Director for Operations shall implement this resolution.

SO ORDERED.

BENJAMIN S. ABALOS, SR.
Chairman

LUZVIMINDA G. TANCANGCO
Commissioner

RUFINO S.B. JAVIER
Commissioner

RALPH C. LANTION
Commissioner

MEHOL K. SADAIN
Commissioner

RESURRECCION Z. BORRA
Commissioner

FLORENTINO A. TUASON, JR.
Commissioner

(PDI - July 7, 2002)

Christian missionaries enter Indian tea business to create jobs

INDIA—A Christian church in India's northeast is poised to make inroads into the tea business to create employment for tribal people.

The Partnership Mission Society which belongs to the Presbyterian Church will soon take over the reins of a medium sized tea plantation in southern Assam's Cachar district.

"We want to be self-reliant and with the income that we hope to generate by running the tea garden we will help poor tribal people living in the area," said Kh Thangdailo, director of the Partnership Mission Society based in northeastern Manipur state.

The society, which already runs schools and hospitals, said it had offered to buy the cash-strapped tea estate so that it could find jobs for impoverished Christian Hmar tribals.

The proprietors had put the tea estate on the market for eight million rupees ($1.6 million) after tea prices crashed in the weekly auctions.

Since the beginning of 2002, a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of top quality Assam tea has been selling for at least 12-15 rupees (25-35 cents) less at weekly auctions than it did three years ago.

India is the world's largest tea producer and accounts for more than 30 percent of global tea production, but its growers have been losing out on the global market.

India's tea production dropped from 870 million kilograms (1.9 billion pounds) in 1998 to 823 million kilograms last year, while exports accounted for just 25 percent of the production.

India's northeastern state of Assam accounts for more than half of the tea produced in India with more than 800 tea estates which employ roughly 4,000 to 5,000 workers each.

But several tea gardens in Assam have been finding it increasingly difficult to meet their wage bills because of crashing tea prices.

On June 25 India announced it would allow 100 percent foreign direct investment in tea plantations to attract much-needed funds to revitalize the country's $1.5 billion-a-year tea industry.

Until the ruling by the Indian Cabinet, foreign business houses were not allowed to hold more than a 26-percent stake in the sprawling British-built colonial Indian tea estates.

The government has, however, made the condition that foreign firms have to give up 26 percent of the equity after five years of making the investment, to either an Indian partner or the public.

Tea bushes were first discovered in Assam in 1815 by British travellers C.A. Bruce and Robert Bruce. Tea gardens in Assam were run mostly by European planters until they left Assam during the Indo-China border conflict in 1962.

Most tea estates are now run by Indian managers but the Partnership Mission Society plans to make a journey into the past by employing Australian planter Peter Clayton who worked in Assam's tea industry in the 1960s.

"Clayton's return to head a tea plantation could well be the beginning of a new era for the Indian tea industry. It will mark the return of the 'Boga Sahib' (white master) after four decades," said a tea industry official.

"If Clayton turns around the sick property, then many Indian proprietors will start looking for experienced European planters to run their tea gardens once again," he added.

But Christian missionaries in India have an image problem as radical Hindu groups accuse them of forcibly converting poor Hindus in rural areas by luring them with money and jobs—a charge church leaders strongly deny.

Indian Christians say attacks on churches, hospices, missionary-run schools and facilities have increased since Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee's Hindu-nationalist BJP party took power after general elections in late 1998.

Christians account for about 15 percent of the 32 million population in India's seven northeastern states and make up 2 percent of India's one billion predominantly Hindu population.

AFP

Working women increasing in Japan—survey

MORE and more women are joining the workforce and occupying top positions in Japan, the latest survey conducted by the Teikoku Databank reveals.

According to the survey, the number of women working as company presidents has increased fivefold over the last two decades, with a significant growth of 64,800 and occupying 5.6 percent of all company heads in Japan.

Women made up 40.3 percent of the total number of persons employed in Japan.

A related labor force survey conducted by the Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications showed that the female working population in Japan has totaled 27.6 million in 2001, a big leap from the 21.08 million recorded in the previous year.

The survey also showed that women had a participation rate of 49.2 percent in the overall Japan labor market.

The number of women employed has also increased far more rapidly than men, with the significant increases found in the wholesale and retail sectors as well as the food and beverage industry.

The Teikoku Databank findings revealed that since more and more Japanese women are working, their purchasing power has relevantly increased, prompting many enterprises to operate businesses that primarily cater to them.

"With women entrepreneurs in the limelight, many hope they can help in the economic recovery," says a Teikoku Databank official.

While the number of women employed in Japan is increasing every year, a high proportion of them are not full-time or regular employees. Across all industries, 47 percent of the women were not regular employees.

By principle, these working women are permanent employees eligible for promotion and for all non-salary benefits. Statistics showed that the highest numbers of part-time female employees were found in wholesaling, retailing, and the food and beverage industry recorded at 65.2 percent.

This was followed by the transportation and communication fields where 49.7 percent of women worked part-time.

Women as IT specialists

Despite the high proportion of Japanese women working as part-time employees, 86.6 percent of large companies surveyed in Japan revealed that they were particularly likely to employ both men and women in the human resources, general administration and accounting departments as well as other departments such as planning, research, PR and information processing.

The survey with the company-respondents specifically showed that there is a promising career for women in information technology (IT), with more and more women being assigned to the IT division.

A large group of the company-respondents reported that 14.9 percent of their information processing departments are composed mostly of female employees, followed by research, development and design groups at 14.2 percent.

With IT engineering positions pulling ahead of sales in terms of job opening for women, this scenario reflects the shortage of IT specialists in Japan and presents an opportunity for female employees to explore.

Source: Japan External Trade Organization (Jetro)

PACKING lengua de gato

Good Shepherd's . . .

From page B3

The sixth in a sibling of 10 of farmer-parents in Banaue, Ifugao, Bumanghat says she would not be what she is now had she relied on her parents alone.

With her status now, she says she could help send some of her siblings to school.

More than her college education, Bumanghat says the center helped deepen her Christian faith.

"I also learned (from the center) the values of humility, honesty, respect and gratitude," she says. "And I learned the value of quality in every work that I do—be it in cooking jams, doing school home works or doing my job as a store supervisor."

Through the center, many young people, mostly from the Cordillera, have become social workers, teachers, accountants and managers and other professionals and are mostly employed in their own communities.

This year, the sisters and the other members of the center expect Domingo Solimen of Bontoc, Mt. Province, who used to cook jams and peanut brittle besides gardening, to pass the board examinations for medical doctors.

Through the center, Domingo was able to finish medical technology. The Saint Louis University later offered Domingo a scholarship for a medical course after he landed second place in an earlier board examination for medical technologists.

One of the apostolates of the RGS sisters, the center does not measure its profit in peso terms but in terms of the young people of poor families who finish college and who become productive members of their own communities.

SR. MARY Carmel Medalla displays the aluminum pot where she cooked strawberry jam in1952.

Every customer who buys the center's products is thus helping send a poor young person to college, says Danganan.

As an average of 20 working students from the center graduate each year, new young people come in also to work their way to college.

The beauty of it all is that these young people don't spend the rest of their lifetime cooking jams and brittle or baking bread and cookies because they eventually get to practice their professions.

The young people from poor Igorot families who become professionals continue to breathe life into a legacy from RGS congregation founder, Sr. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier (1796-1868), who once stressed that, "a person is more precious than a whole world."

And poverty, the Good Shepherd sisters believe, should not deprive that precious person from reaching his or her God-given potential.

Some just see the cool, calm and collected manager.
Some the visionary chairman of the board.
Some the perfectionist.

Have ₱200K? Go into prawns

By Anselmo Roque
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ—The commercial culture of giant freshwater prawn (*Macrobachium rosenbergii*), called *ulang* in Tagalog and *udang* in Ilocano, holds great promise as a big money earner as well as an abundant source of food.

It used to be easy for fishermen to catch this crustacean from rivers, swamps and lakes but supply has dwindled in recent years. Because of the increasing scarcity, freshwater prawn today sells in the market for P300 to P400 a kilo.

This species, though, is now farmed in considerable quantities in Hawaii, Honduras, Mauritius, Taiwan and Thailand while countries like Costa Rica, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Zimbabwe, Central America, Caribbean Islands and Africa have begun to establish big farms for commercial culture.

In the Philippines, some entrepreneurs caught on the trend and are starting to establish freshwater prawn-raising projects.

The biggest obstacle is ensuring the adequate supply of this crustacean's post larvae (called by laymen as fingerlings) to be stocked in ponds and other growing areas.

In the wild, they are hatched in brackish water and are very difficult to retrieve.

Breakthrough

The National Freshwater Fisheries Technology Center of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, however, recently reported a breakthrough in the breeding of the giant freshwater prawn in captivity.

The NFFTC, located in the campus of the Central Luzon State University here, has perfected the technology for the production of post larvae and has established facilities for larval rearing.

Its production output, though, cannot cope with the demand by prospective freshwater prawn operators.

It is in the production of the freshwater prawn's post larvae where entrepreneurs can cash in. If raising freshwater prawns is lucrative enough business-wise, the production of its post larvae is equally, if not more, lucrative.

PHOTO BY ANSELMO ROQUE

CLOSE-UP of a freshwater prawn growing in an aquarium

Dr. Melchor Tayamen, NFFTC chief, says the 15- to 40-day-old post larvae of freshwater prawn sell for P2.50 apiece. The larva measures seven to 10 mm long each.

Tayamen says the number of eggs laid by a female freshwater prawn depends on its size and weight. He says a breeder prawn can lay about 1,000 eggs per its gram weight.

Thus, a 30-gram breeder is calculated to produce 30,000 eggs and fully mature breeders could produce between 80,000 and 100,000 eggs per spawning.

"The survival rate in the procedure that we developed is at least 70 percent," Tayamen explains.

The breeders are known to have spawning cycle of eight times a year.

Tayamen agrees that there is income that can be derived from post larvae production of freshwater prawn.

He adds that the NFFTC is willing to share the technology to interested entrepreneurs. In fact, he says, the NFFTC has already trained people interested in putting up their own prawn hatchery facilities and equipment.

"We really need producers of post larvae of the freshwater prawn to supply the demand in the country," Tayamen says.

Hatchery components

Freshwater prawn hatcheries must have the necessary facilities and equipment to succeed because production and rearing of larvae require delicate conditions and procedures.

These include:

- Building—The building should have a larvae room where the temperature can be controlled at 28 to 31 degrees Celcius and a room for the production of Artemia, the protein-rich feed given to the larvae as their main diet.

It should accommodate larval and post larval tanks, spaces for the laboratories, an electrical power room, and some other spaces for an effective and efficient hatchery operation. It should have a drainage system and concrete floor.

The building should be easily accessible for the supply of seawater, which is necessary for the needed brackish water. In the production of post larvae of the freshwater prawn in captivity, correct water salinity is a big factor.

- Tanks—The tanks can be made of any of the following materials: rubberized canvas, marine plywood, fiberglass and concrete.

The preferred shape is circular for more effective water circulation. The preferred size of the tank is an inside diameter of two meters and a depth of 0.60 meter for easier management.

The space between rows of tanks should be two meters to have ample working space. These should be elevated about 20 centimeters from the floor level. A smaller tank or aquarium is needed for the breeder for spawning.

- Standby generator—Diesel-fed generator with 5 KVA output power is ideal for the hatchery.
- Pressure tank with electric water pump—This is needed to ensure the supply of clean water. An electric water pump with 2.21 horsepower will be good for the hatchery setup.
- Electric air blower—This will provide continuous aeration which is vital in hatchery operation. It will keep food particles in suspension and will maintain sufficient oxygen.
- Prawn nutrition laboratory—This is necessary for supplemental diet preparation. Supplemental diets are also vital for the success of hatchery operation. To prepare for fresh and alternative feed, the following are needed: refrigerator, blender, sieve and other kitchen utensils.

Tayamen says a capital of P200,000 is enough for a modest hatchery setup.

Rearing larvae

It is important for those who will go into freshwater prawn hatchery operation to know the characteristics, life cycle, environment, needs and other relevant information about this species.

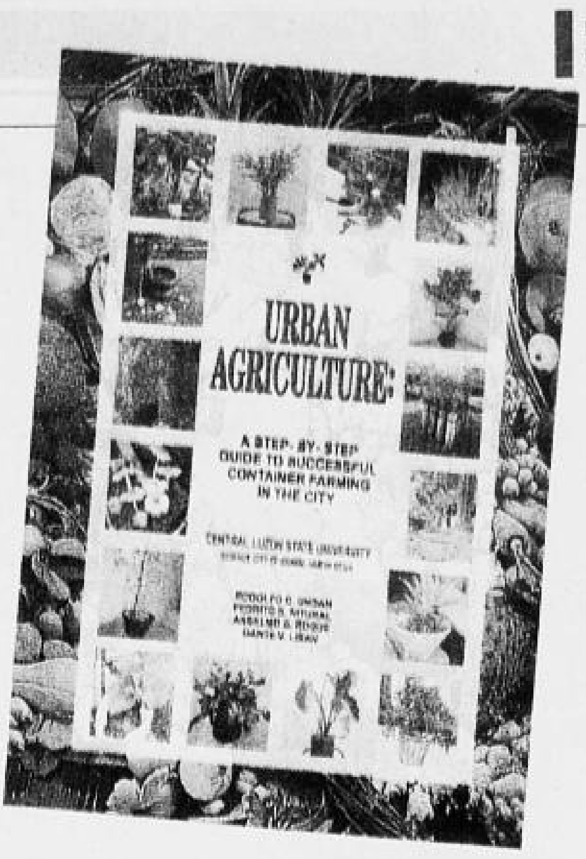
The freshwater prawns, according to the literature provided by the NFFTC, require estuarine conditions (brackish water) during the initial stages of their life cycle.

Later, the post-larvae swim to freshwater where they continue on with their remaining cycles.

The phases in their life cycle are egg, larvae, post-larvae, and adult. They regularly molt or shed off the outside skeleton or shell to grow. Their growth, therefore, is not continuous but incremental which is dependent on their periodic molting.

A sexually mature female of the freshwater prawn releases a substance called "ecdysone" to attract the male. The male then holds the female between its long pincer-legs and for 10 to 15 minutes will clean the female's ventral portion of its shell.

Actual copulation takes place afterward but it will only take five seconds to complete the process.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A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO SUCCESSFUL CONTAINER FARMING IN THE CITY
CENTRAL LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY

Grow a garden in the city and build it into a business

By Christine A. Gaylican

HARVESTING vegetables and fruits could now be done in small city gardens and lots. Through the book, "Urban Agriculture: A Step by Step Guide to Successful Container Farming in the City," would-be city farmers are provided easy steps of growing fruits and vegetables using discarded containers and maximizing small spaces in their backyards.

Developed by the Central Luzon State University, the urban farming method encourages city dwellers to use varied objects and little space to produce fresh fruits and vegetables.

"Urban Agriculture" shows that tires, empty catsup containers, mineral water bottles, gutters and old basins can be used in growing tomatoes, mushrooms, carrots, broccoli and even high-value crops like pepper, basil, corn, citronella and eucalyptus.

According to book publisher Olivia Limpe-Aw, the book eliminates the notion that planting needs large fertile lots.

"Urban Farming" is replete with easy steps in starting one's urban farm—from choosing the right container for the seeds to be planted, preparing the soil mixture, creating drainage holes, sourcing and sowing the seeds, applying the correct amount of fertilizers and controlling pests and diseases that hamper the quality of the produce.

CLSU president Rodolfo Undan, who is one of the book authors, said that they have put up an urban garden to apply the processes recommended in the book.

The other book authors are Pedrito Nitural, INQUIRER correspondent Anselmo Roque and Dante Liban.

Limpe-Aw also included a chapter on a simple business model and gave tips for city farmers who want to expand their businesses.

"(The book proves) not only that planting is a hobby but it can also be an excellent source of food for the family and an ideal instrument for agribusiness to augment incomes of ordinary households," Limpe-Aw said.

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who passed away peacefully on
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July 10, 2001 (Manila Time)

Holy Masses will be offered on July 10, 2002 at the following churches:

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National Shrine of the Sacred Heart, San Antonio Village, Makati	6:00 PM
Baguio Cathedral, Baguio City	7:00 AM & 5:15 PM
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Cebu City	5:30 PM
Redemptorist Church, Davao City	5:30 PM

Our many thanks to all who keep him in their memory.

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Willy N. Gan

February 13, 1946 - July 10, 2001

His loving wife, **Beta Balagot-Gan** and
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though you are now on the other side..."

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

FELISA "Piting" CRUZ BRIONES

of Tarlac City

Who joined her Creator on June 28, 2002

Wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who condoled with us, offered Masses, prayers and to relatives and friends for their kindness and support in our time of loss.

Cora, Vill and **Jess, Pepito** and **Becky, Faye** and **Bel**

GERARDO "BOY" E. MANUEL

Peacefully joined his Creator on July 4, 2002
at the age of 63.

His bereaved wife **Josefina**; children **Noel, Dennis** and **Gladys**; daughter-in-law **Tina**; and grandson **Christian**; brothers **Erning, Ben** and **Levitte**; sisters **Poochie, Lorna, Lynne, Lillian** and **Lucille**; request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Arlington East, The Garden Chapels, C. Raymundo Avenue corner Mercedes Avenue, Pasig City.

Cremation will be on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina after 11:00 AM Mass.

JAIME (Jimmy) UTSIG

Died on July 3, 2002 at the age of 46.

His wife **Gigi**; children **Jerry** and **Joanne** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at his residence at Balite, Montalban, Rizal.

Interment will be on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at 12:00 noon at Montalban Cemetery, Rodriguez, Rizal.

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Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

Lorenzo T. Bangayan

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on April 12, 2002

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

MELVIN R. KUNZ

Peacefully joined our Creator on July 3, 2002
at the age of 58.

His bereaved wife **Carmen**; children **Arnie & Mars**, **Harry & Irish**, **Queenie**, **Tetet**, **Ron & Aileen**, and **Joie**; grandchildren, and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be announced later.

Beatriz Calingasan-Reyes

of Tuy, Batangas and Mandaluyong City

Retired Pilipino Professor at the Arellano University

Died in the Grace of our Lord on July 5, 2002
at the age of 81

Her bereaved family, son **EMIL**; daughter-in-law **Marie**; grandchildren **Dax**, **Diwi** and **Betsey**; only surviving sister **Pacita Calingasan-Martin**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Makati City.

Interment will be announced later.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

Benjamin G. Chua Jr.

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on May 1, 2002

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

MANUEL D. MEDENILLA, SR.

of Mauban, Quezon

Died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord on July 5, 2002 at the age of 80.

His loving wife **LYDIA LLAMAS MALUBAY**; children **MA. CONSOLACION & CASIANO, MANUEL, JR. & EVELYN, MERCEDES & ALEX, MARGARITA, MILAGROS & RENE, MATHILDA & NELSON, MARCO & MARICEL**; grandchildren **CECILE, SEAN, MICHELLE, MICHAEL, MARY ANN, GABRIEL, RAFAEL, ANGELO, ANDREA, ANGELA, ALEX, JR., MARCIAL, CARLOS, MIGUEL, CATHERINE, NICOLO, MIRA, JASON, SHANNEL, NEAL, CYRUS**; other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for his eternal happiness in heaven.

His remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be announced later.

Message of Thanks

The family of the late

Rev. Robert G. Tayao

wishes to acknowledge those
who consoled us
in our time of deep sorrow.

THANK YOU

From the family of the late

ANTONIO V. ARIAS

We wish to express our sincerest appreciation to all of you, our friends, who offered prayers, sent flowers, Mass cards and expressed in countless ways, your support and concern in our time of sorrow.

Colonel (Ret.) Virgilio M. dela Cueva

Passed away on June 26, 2002 in New Haven Ct., U.S.A.
at the age of 64.

He is the husband of **Elena (Bel) Bolinao dela Cueva**;
father of **Christine** and **Marie dela Cueva** and the late **Cristover dela Cueva**

He is the son of the late **Francisco dela Cueva Sr.**, and **Maura Mondagar dela Cueva**.
He is the brother of **Sandy**, **Paquito**, **Minerva**, **Elsie dela Cueva Santos**, and
Kelly dela Cueva Gera.

A man of principle, dignity, respect and courage he leaves behind sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

His remains lie in state at Celentano Funeral Homes in New Haven Ct., USA.
He will be brought to the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.
Friends may visit from July 11 to July 13, 2002. There will be evening wake services at 8:00 PM.

A Mass will be offered at 8:30 AM on July 14, 2002 prior to his interment at the
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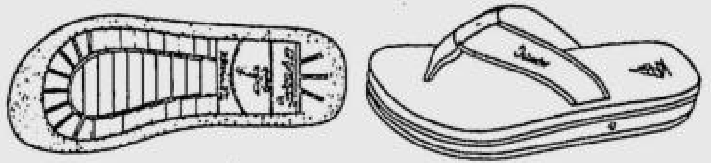

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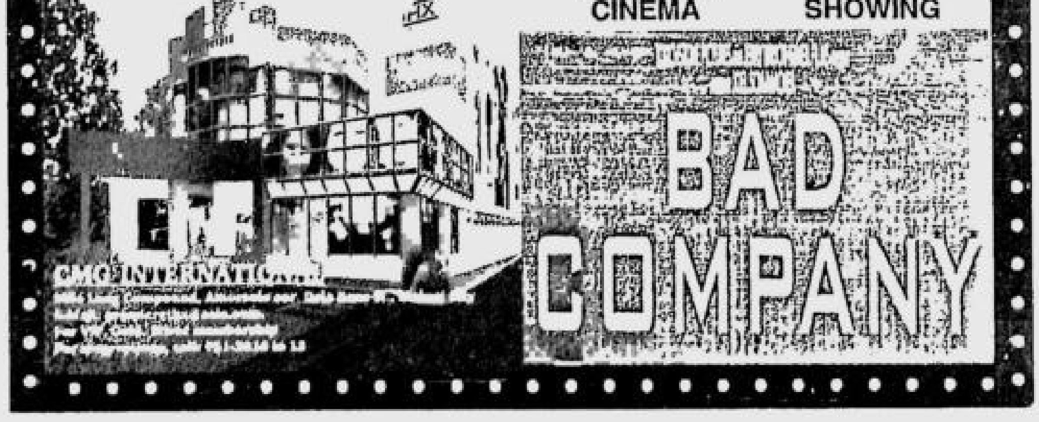

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All dolled up and Pinoy

Text by Cheche Moral
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WHEN Patis Tesoro puts her stamp on a project, the result is distinctly Filipino. Her latest handiwork—the first *truly* Filipino doll—reaffirms that.

"Ninay: The Filipino Doll," which will be launched at Club Filipino on July 12, is named after the heroine of Pedro Paterno's 1885 novel of the same title. Lest one thinks it is a plaything like, say, a Barbie, Ninay is actually a collection of dolls presented in tableaus depicting life—values, customs, traditions—in the 19th century.

"We want to remind our children and the future generations of our values and traditions," Tesoro says. "To them these things may come as mere stories they read in books. This doll collection will provide them a three-dimensional picture of what life was like and revive in them the values we hold dear."

True enough, the glass-encased tableaus are sentimental portrayals of day-to-day activities in the 19th century, with such titles as

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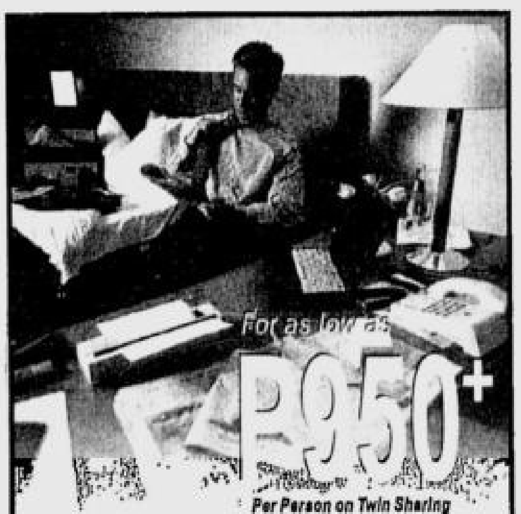
PATIS Tesoro, truly Filipino



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"SHE'S NOT TOO OLD FOR SEX!"

(Part 1)

"We should be thankful for old age, it is a privilege not given to all."

This quote from a forgotten source has given me solace as I look at the mirror every morning and see the wrinkles and sagging skin on my face; telltale signs that indeed ... age is slowly creeping up on me! This is a reality all of us will inevitably have to face in the same way our grandmothers accepted the occurrence of menopause as a natural life event.

But not so with us baby boomers. The women of our generation are now entering the transitional years between childbearing and menopause, when upheavals during this time involving changes in physical responsiveness result in distress and depression in varying degrees.

> ...aging does not necessarily mean asexuality. Most women today expect to maintain physical and sexual attractiveness and remain sexually active into their geriatric years.

The subject of sexuality is crucial because these women (count me in), feminists in one way or another, refuse to discount sex as they grow older. They believe that aging does not necessarily mean asexuality. Most women today expect to maintain physical and sexual attractiveness and remain sexually active into their geriatric years.

Regardless of what one does to her body, face and hair - the fact remains that menopause and the years preceding it bring certain events which will be experienced by almost all women. In studies of women's sexual dysfunctions during menopause, the following have been documented:

1. inability to lubricate adequately with sexual arousal
2. need for more time and more sexual stimulation to achieve orgasm
3. painful sexual intercourse due to lack of vaginal lubrication
4. tendency to avoid sex
5. lessened sexual desire and interest
6. diminished sexual responsiveness
7. loss of clitoral stimulation
8. decreased frequency of orgasm during intercourse
9. less intense orgasm
10. the additional effect of hysterectomy, in a number of women who will have it at this time - on the perception of sexuality

The decline in sexual responsiveness as the woman grows older will have to be dealt with on two levels: First, is it really due to menopause and its attendant physical changes and sociocultural nuances? How often do we hear our older patients say with a shy giggle, "Ay, no more sex, doctora. We're too old for that!"

There is a second issue that needs to be dealt with and this is the possibility that the problem may also be due to the declining sexuality of the male partner. We need to remember that the woman's husband at this time is also advancing in years (or may be a lot older) with his illnesses concomitant with aging and this includes a decline in sexuality due to Erectile Dysfunction (ED), among others. Add to this fact that, young or old, the male will be sexually different from the female. Aside from gender differences discussed in last week's column, some men know little about how to please his partner and are not too comfortable discussing it. If they do decide to seek medical help, it is usually the wives who do the talking.

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She's gotten pregnant by a fellow OCW

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I am in my early 20s, and will deliver my baby this month. The father is my Indian boyfriend, a fellow overseas contract worker in the Middle East.

The company where we worked had a policy against relationships among co-workers. If we got married there, we would be sent back to our respective countries. Also, Indians have a tradition of marrying fellow Indians. So my boyfriend and I decided I should leave and just return after a year.

We did not part on good terms. He got angry when I chose to keep the baby, as I considered it God's gift.

Since I returned here, I was lucky if he called me once a month. Lately, I have not heard from him at all.

He has sent me money for my delivery. I think that means he cares, although sometimes, I'm not sure. What do you think, Tita?

My other problem is my stepmother. My father did not want me to work overseas, but it was she who helped me convince him to let me go. Now I can see she doesn't want me back. She's always asking my sister whether my mother will petition me soon, and whether my boyfriend has sent me money.

I just stop myself from confronting her because I know I'd say mean things and the situation would only get worse. I'm lucky my sister has agreed to take me in and to take care of my baby when I leave for abroad again.

Another problem is my father. He doesn't want me to work abroad again. I'd like to stay, too, but I've got to work for the baby's and my future. What will I do?

RAI

Don't rush yourself into resolving those problems, my dear. Right now, the baby is your priority. So, prepare for its delivery, and for the next month or two, concentrate on taking care of it and regaining your strength. Until then, you wouldn't really be in any position to act on anything else.

If, soon after the baby comes, those problems won't give you peace, then keep these two words in mind: postpartum blues. It's a kind of depression experienced by women after delivery. For some women, it is mild and short. For others, it is overpowering and could last for many months.

The latter is often the case for those who, like you, have big problems even before the baby comes. By becoming aware that you could undergo postpartum depression, you should stop yourself from succumbing to unrealistically negative views of your situation.

The baby's father may have abandoned you, or soon will. If he truly cares but could not afford to show it in cash, he could at least show it in kind, such as more phone calls, a nice card or a letter every now and then.

However, it would be unrealistic to think that's the end of the world for you and your baby. You are young, with employable skills, and a family to support you. Many single parents and their babies have prospered with less.

It would be unrealistic to let your stepmother's behavior determine your mood day after day. Her attitude does not represent the rest of your family's. If being around takes your father's attention from her, causing her childish misery, don't give her misery the pleasure of your company.

As for ensuring your child's future with a good salary abroad—try your luck here first. That will not only allow you to spend more time with your baby, it will also show your father you are giving his idea a good try. If after a year or two, you still can't find a suitable job here, I think he'll object less to your plan of trying your luck abroad again.

My best wishes and prayers for you and the baby.

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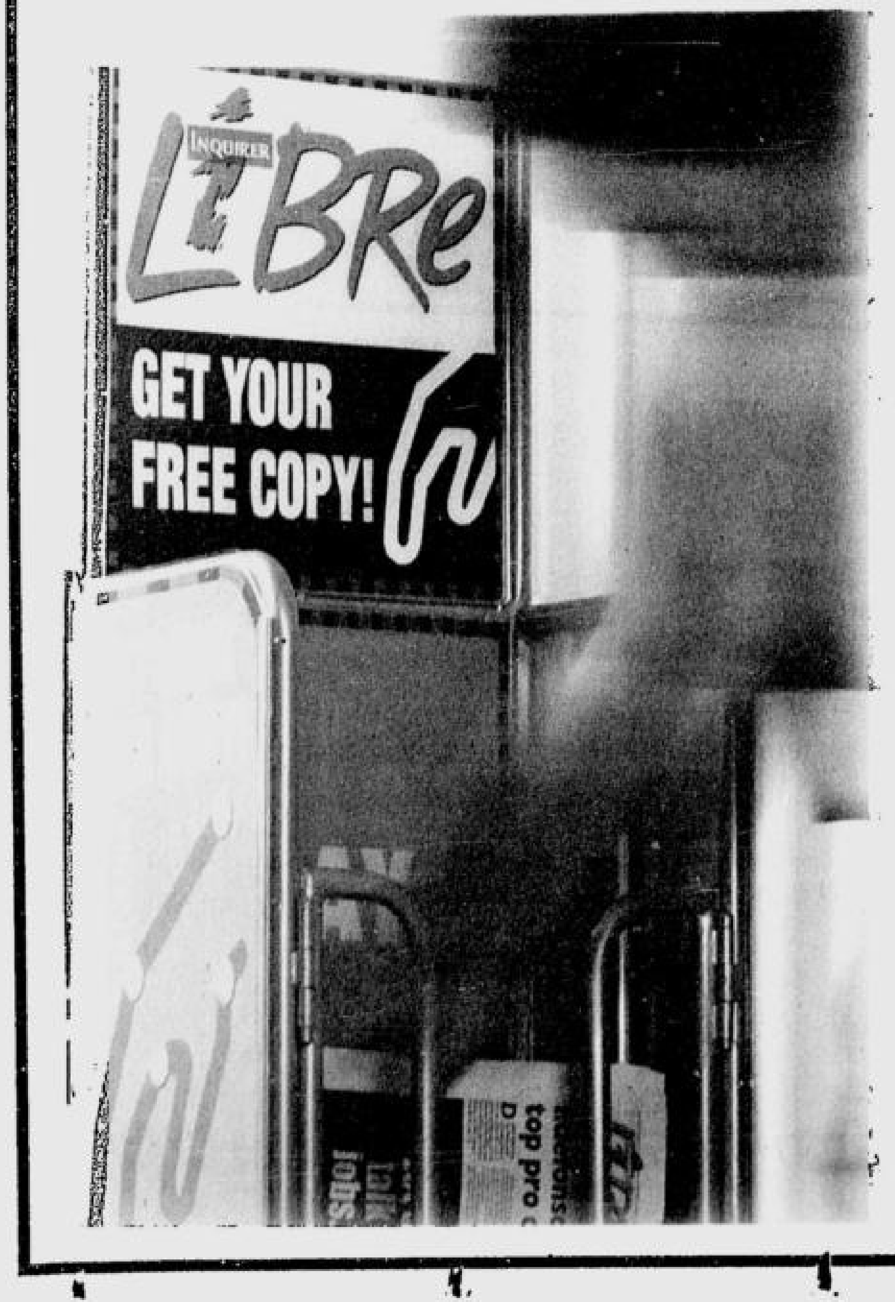

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Padre Pio gives keepsakes to a Filipino boy

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

SINCE the canonization of Padre Pio on June 16, people have come up to me and say they have been touched by his intercession or inspired to be holy through his example.

One such person is Gaudencio "Boy" Ponce, who, as a young boy of 13, went with his Lola Fortunata Balingit Ponce on April 1963 to San Giovanni Rotondo with other pilgrims organized by Catholic Travel.

He relates that, the morning after their arrival, his *lola* woke him up at 3 a.m. to prepare themselves for the Mass of Padre Pio at 5 a.m.

Dedicated as he was as a child to San Antonio de Padua, Boy wore his San Antonio habit. He was annoyed, of course, at being woken up so early, but he went with his *lola* and lined up to be able to enter the church so early.

An old priest wearing the same habit as his approached him and asked if he wanted to serve in the Mass. He was asked whether he knew how to serve the Mass in Latin, which he did, as he studied at Malate Catholic School.

"I was taken to the sacristy and there I saw Padre Pio for the first time," Boy recalls. "He reminded me of Santa Claus with his helpers around him. There were about four other priests or brothers assisting him. My part was to ring the bell during the Consecration, which was the easiest. Thank God I didn't have to carry the thick missal from the epistle side to the gospel side of the altar.

"During the Consecration, Padre Pio looked like he was whispering something to the Host. I kept on staring to see if he was still alive, because his eyes were closed and he was not moving at all. My left hand was tired because I was holding the end of his chasuble and my right hand holding the bells. I didn't know when to lift the chasuble and ring the bell. It must've been more than 15 minutes of concentration. It happened again during the consecration of the wine. In short, the Mass was over by about 7 a.m.

"After the Mass, we went back to the sacristy. I took off my server's alb and Padre Pio noticed I was wearing an *habito* similar to his. He smiled and gave me a big hug. He asked me through an interpreter where I was from. He said I would make a good capuchin if only I have a beard. He noticed I didn't have a rosary on my *habito*. He gave me his own. He told me it was given to him by an American lady who was a very good benefactor.

"He also gave me a very thick white cord with three knots, and asked me to give it to my *lola*, who was standing by the sacristy door. She was restrained from entering, and I guessed that the sacristy was only for priests and servers.

"I gave the cord to my *lola* and she was so excited about it, and so were the other ladies in our tour group. The cord was worn with my *lola*'s habit when she was buried. I still have the rosary given to me by Padre Pio."

Replica images

Thirty years later, the rosary is carefully placed in an old box. The box went with Boy when he and his family decided to live in the States, where he worked with the United States Immigration Service.

Boy became an American citizen, but decided to come back to the Philippines several years ago, and gave up his American citizenship. Today, he manages the Pasteleria Española, which his parents Amanda Bermachea and Gaudencio Ponce Sr. put up in the '60s and closed when they left for America.

Boy also brought back with him replica images of Nuestra Señora de Caridad, patron of Cuba, and Nuestra Señora de Verdad y Justicia, patron of Chile.

He brings these images to the grand Marian procession of the Cofradia de la Inmaculada Concepcion in December. This year, he will include in his *carroza* the images of Santo Padre Pio and Blessed Josémaria Escriva.

The Healing Mass

I was able to attend the Padre Pio Healing Mass last Monday at the Worship Hall of the Manila Seedling Bank at Quezon Avenue corner Edsa. The Mass is held on the first Monday of every other month. The next one is on Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Fr. Teofilo Rustia, who presided over the Mass, inspired us through prayer and song to feel closer to Jesus. He asked us to receive Jesus with our left hand and then cover it with our right hand, then talk to Jesus. I think that healing was already taking place at that very moment.

More people went when they read about the Mass in my column. Please put the date in your calendar so you will not forget.

Pila church is now a shrine

ST. Anthony de Padua Church in Pila, Laguna, will be consecrated on July 9, 4 p.m., as the diocesan shrine of the saint.

Bishop Francisco San Diego will officiate the concelebrated Mass with Cardinal Vidal as homilist. Cardinal Vidal's father came from Pila.

The church is 421 years old. It was founded on June 13, 1581. The parish was the first in the Philippines to be dedicated to St. Anthony de Padua. The town itself was called San Antonio de Padua de Pila. "Pila" comes from the phrase "*bayang pinagpala*."

In charge of the celebration are parish administrator Fr. Melchor Barcenas, Dr. Rogelio Lota, Sr. Enda Mendoza, Cora Relova and Monina Rivera.

The Novena Masses to St. Anthony every Tuesday at 5 p.m. was initiated by the late Msgr. Renato Cosico. Hundreds of letters of testimonies for favors and miracles were received by the parish.

Life's little pleasures

DESPITE the bad news, let's pause to do something that gives us utmost pleasure. I discovered this one afternoon when I was sitting with a friend at Mama Rosa restaurant overlooking the Timog Circle.

Pol Capistrano, who lived in Spain for 11 years, told me the circle reminded him of Plaza Callao in Madrid. In that plaza was Café Manila, which was very famous then.

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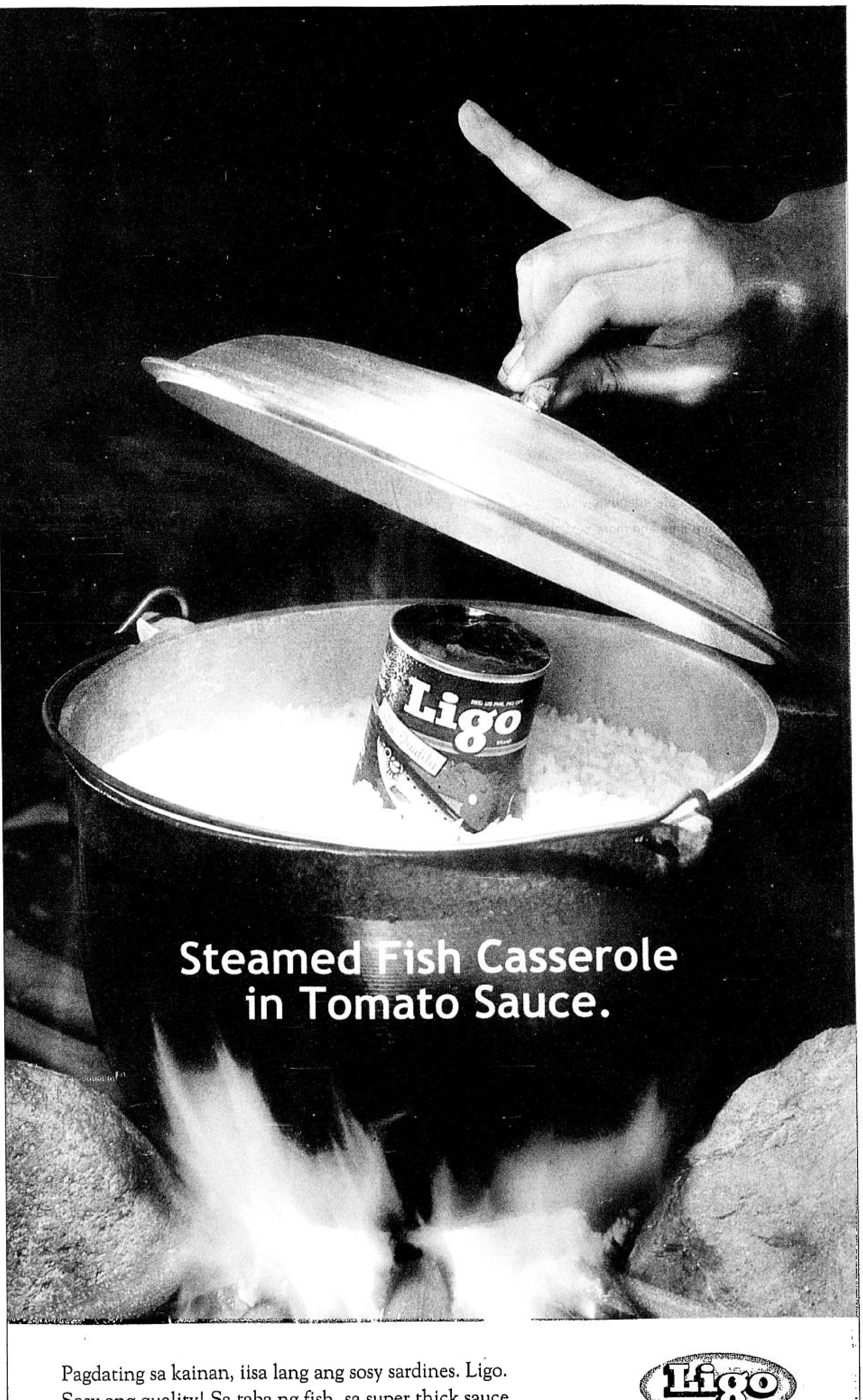
BOY Ponce and mother Amanda Bermachea Ponce with Our Lady of Truth and Justice behind them



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Revenge of the cropped lensman

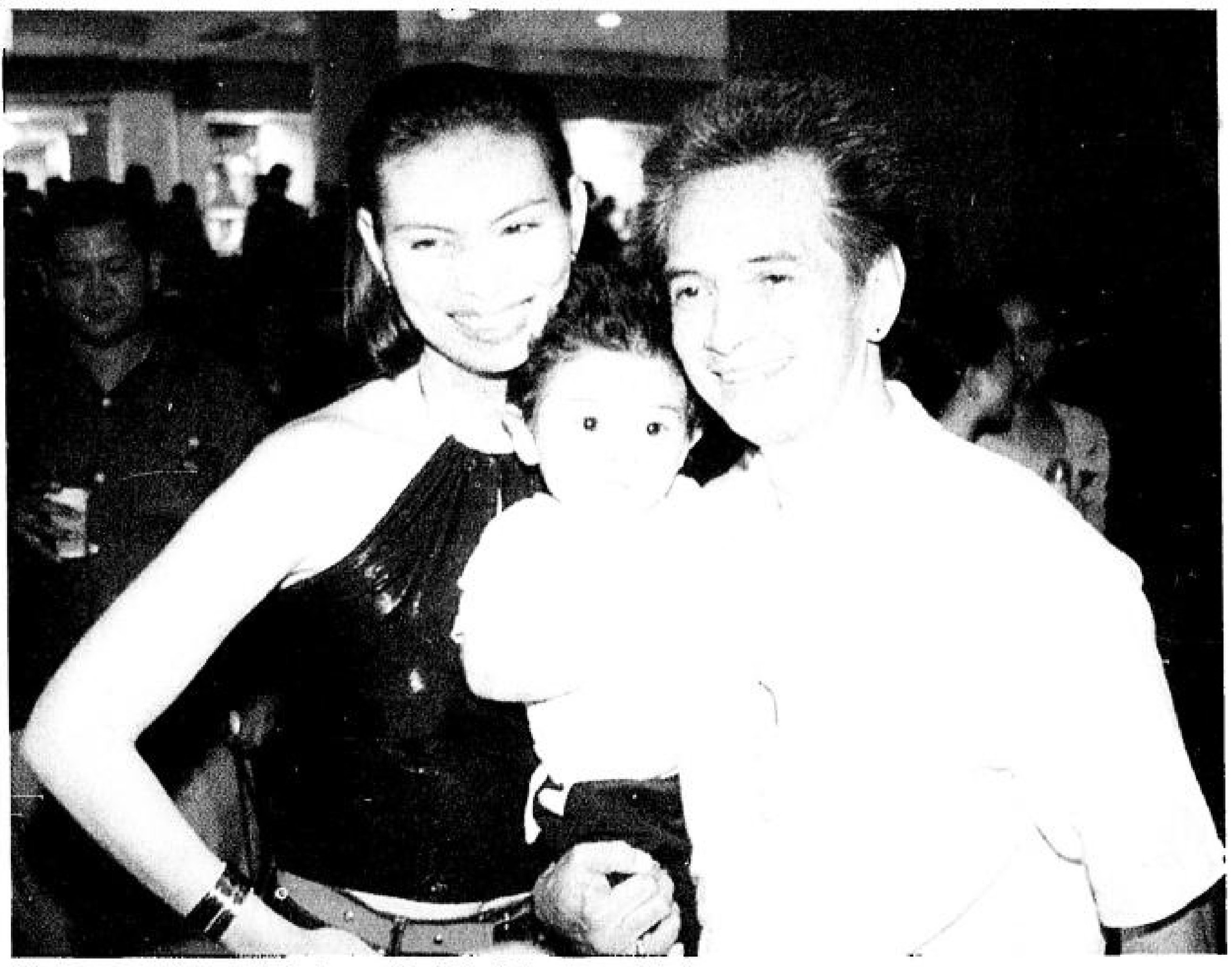
Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

JUN DE Leon's "love affair" with women began sometime in the mid-'70s as a photojournalist for the Expressweek, the Sunday magazine of the now-defunct Daily Express. After having had his fill of covering hard news, De Leon eventually trained his lens on some of the country's most photogenic actresses and models.

His love affair continues into the new millennium. De Leon recently unveiled a three-day photo exhibit at the Glorietta in Makati. Billed as "Loose Pages," the show featured 40 mural-sized photographs of such stars as Sharon Cuneta, Christopher de Leon, Regine Velasquez, Zsa Zsa Padilla, Lisa Macuja-Elizalde, Aga Muhlach and Joyce Jimenez, among others.

De Leon's grateful and adoring subjects also included top fashion mannequins led by his lovely wife Abigail Arenas.

Some of the photos shown in the exhibit will be included in a fourth coffee-table book de Leon is working on. It will be his revenge of sorts on editors who've wittingly or not cropped his pictures. Now, he declares, people would be able to see them in their entirety. Of course, his latest effort will also be called "Loose Pages."


STAR photographer Jun de Leon, wife Abigail Arenas and their son

DE Leon through his myriad subjects

"I basically do people and fashion," says de Leon, "but some of my best years were spent covering various beats. The training has sharpened my instincts and honed my skills as a photographer."

His eye for the unusual is beyond doubt. If anything, however, one of de Leon's assets as a photographer is his ability to communicate and draw the best from his subjects, whether instantly or through a long, tedious process that sometimes takes years.

"Part of my job is to create a chemistry between me and the subject," he says. "Nobody is ugly or unphotographable. Everything is a matter of lighting and finding the person's best angles."

Colleagues can also draw inspiration from De Leon's humble beginnings. While he pounded the streets as a photojournalist, he began to set up a small studio at the then Holiday Inn on Roxas Boulevard.

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MEGASTAR Sharon Cuneta

Glamour photographer Jun de Leon is about to release a book of photographs that were originally sheared and cropped by misguided editors

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"I've always wanted to work for myself," he says. "I grabbed the first chance that came my way. There's plenty of room for everybody. In fact, I encourage them [colleagues] to give fashion photography a try." The veteran lensman is also a respected name in the advertising industry.

Despite having worked with some of tinseltown's loveliest faces, De Leon refuses to reveal his favorite subjects. "That's a very dangerous question," he pooh-poohs. "I always try to make everybody look beautiful but still recognizable through my lens."

E-mail the author at avergara @inquirer.com.ph

MMCO celebrates second anniversary

THE METRO Manila Community Orchestra marks its second anniversary with an evening concert at the Philamlife Theater in Manila tonight at 6.

Featured in clarinet solo is young artist Jayson Rivera, one of the few from the Philippines chosen to comprise the Asian Youth Orchestra.

The MMCO will play Lucio San Pedro's "Kayumanggi," Zoltan Kodaly's "Dances from Galanta," Joseph Haydn's Symphony 103 Drumroll, Karl Maria Von Weber's Clarinet Concerto No. 1.

The MMCO was established last year with the support of Miriam College, envisioned by Alfonso Bolipata to provide the country with an alternative orchestra which will absorb musicians who cannot enter university-based orchestras.

These are mostly young, aspiring musicians not yet on the college-level, who cannot find a venue to hone their talents and express their artistry. Senior musicians unable to undergo conservatory training for various reasons, could also be absorbed.

The orchestra is open to all musicians of any age. Audition could take place any time as arranged.

The MMCO is directed by one of the country's finest conductors, Josefino "Chino" Toledo. It is a project of the Institute for Orchestral Development of the Philippines, (LOPD), headed by Sonia Roco. Call 426-1822.

Seminar

INFORRMMS Consulting will hold Records Management Seminars on July 10-12. Resource person is Lourdes Manguerra, an expert in total records management with training in US and Australian systems.

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A FUN activity with your favorite movie and TV personalities is "Celebrity Fans Day Weekend Series" at Robinsons Place Novaliches, Robinsons Metro East and Robinsons Starmills Pampanga.

The Robinsons Starmills Pampanga leg of the series will start today, featuring Tricia Roman and Polo Ravales. On July 28, the tandem of AJ Eigenmann and Dyan Delfin will take center stage.

Karen de los Reyes and Railey Valeroso, and Bryan Revilla and Angel Locsin are scheduled on Aug. 11 and 18, respectively.

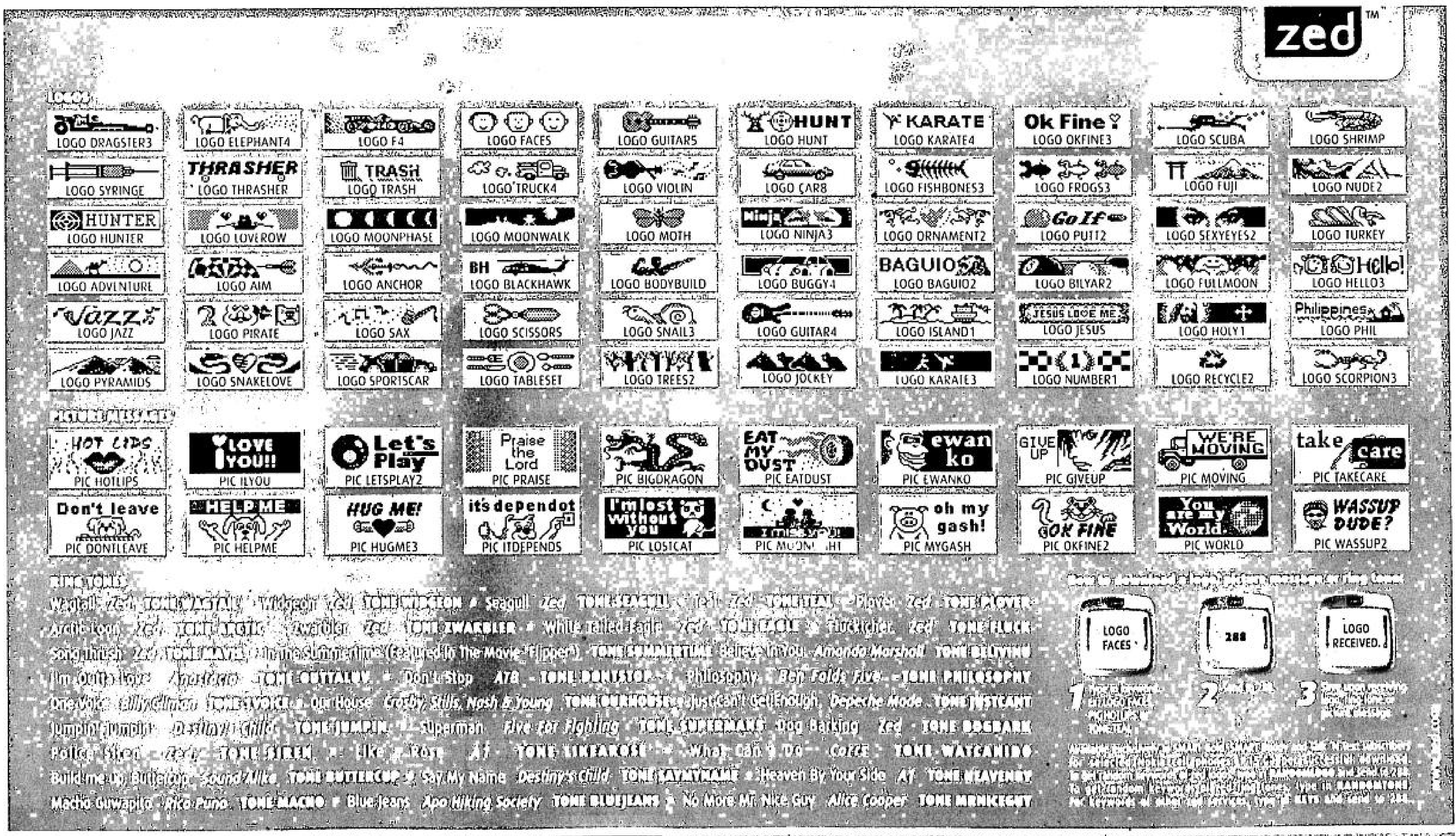
Chubi del Rosario and Anne Curtis, Sherwin Ordoñez and Champagne Morales, and Dingdong Dantes and Tanya Garcia will be at Robinsons Place Novaliches Atrium Area on July 14.

Showbiz personalities will be there on July 27, Aug. 10 and Aug. 24, respectively.

All shows start at 4 p.m. Call 632-7672, 633-7641 to 90 loc 175 or 176.

Also, a big "chocorefic" event is ongoing at Big R Supercenter until July 31.

Prizes can be claimed at the promo booth inside Big R Supercenter, with branches at Robinsons Place Novaliches, Robinsons Metro East and Robinsons Starmills Pampanga.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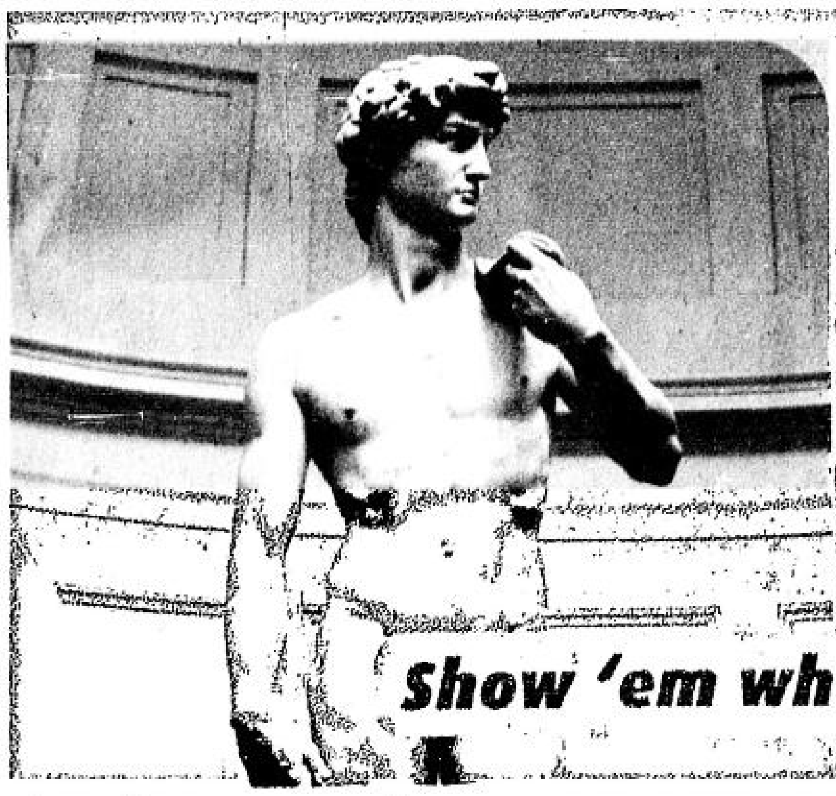

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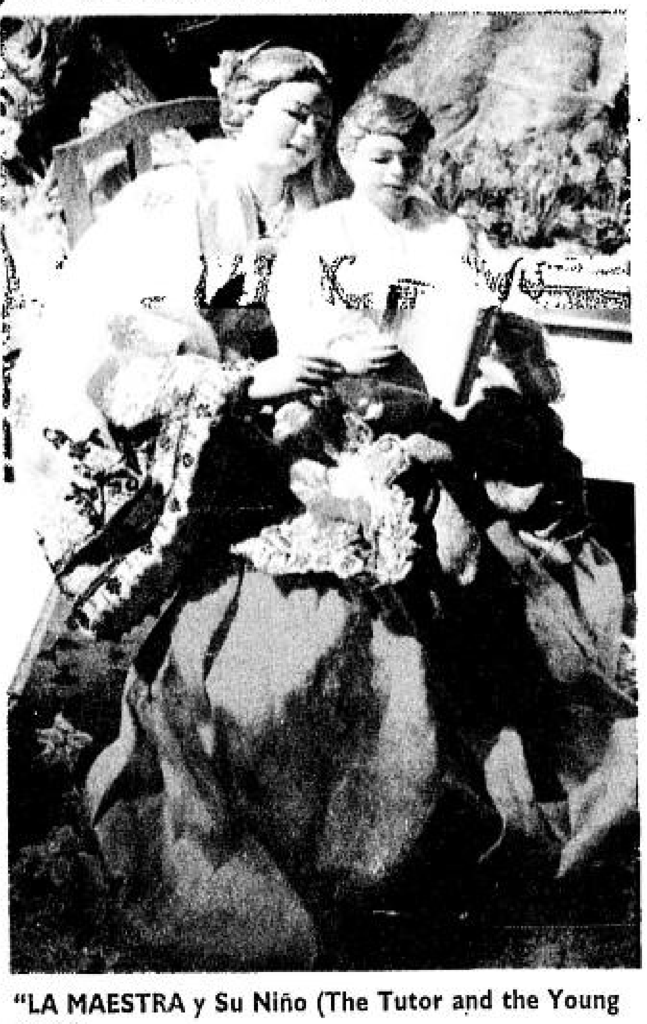
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"LA MAESTRA y Su Niña (The Tutor and the Little Girl)"

All dolled up and Pinoy

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"JARDINERA (The Gardener)"

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"Nagsisimba (Going to Mass)," "Nagmamano (Respecting the Elders)," "Lola Nagnonovena (Grandmother Praying the Novena)," "Panunuyo (Courtship)," and "Santacruzan (The Procession of the Holy Cross)." The livelihood of Filipinos during the period are shown in "Burdadora (The Embroiderer)," "Nagbabayo ng Palay Kapag Anihan (Husking Grain During Harvest Time)," "Tindera ng Pamaypay at Tsinelas (Fan and Slipper Vendors)." Pastimes like cockfighting ("Pintakasi") and even gossiping ("Nagtsitsismisan") are also included in the 50-piece collection.

Dream

"This dream of a Filipino doll started about three years ago," says Tesoro, who twice collaborated with Mattel to produce a Barbie line wearing Filipiniana costumes. "Other countries have their own [nationality] dolls, how come we don't have our own?" So began the arduous task of putting life into the dream.

"It took us two years to get here, but it's all worth it," Tesoro beams.

By "us," she means her collaboration with Balikatan sa Kabuhayan Foundation (BSKF) national president Guia Gomez on the project. The two women worked together on several livelihood and Filipiniana-revival projects during the previous administration. Tesoro is president and executive director of Katutubong Filipino Foundation Inc. (KFFI), a nonprofit organization that aims to revive and promote indigenous Filipino arts and crafts and provide livelihood to indigenous and poor communities—thrusts similar to those of the BSKF. "It was she who brought up the idea of the doll," Tesoro says.

Thus a company called Perfectly Intricate Inc. (tel. 726-5058/59), with Tesoro at the helm, was put up to focus on the project.

No easy task

"Like any major undertaking, it wasn't easy," says Gomez.

"Our first problem was deciding on what kind of doll to make," Tesoro adds. "Should it be rag, pressed cloth, vinyl? We had to learn and do a lot of research." After all, the doll will carry the Filipino name, she says. "Guia told me not to scrimp on the cost as these will be heirloom pieces. Collector's items *talaga*."

They eventually decided on resin dolls made from the clay molds created by doll maker Paulette Cui.

Then there was the problem of the dolls' generic, expressionless faces. "I was unhappy about it," Tesoro shares.

By some stroke of luck, painter Romulo Galicano went to her shop to have a barong made. "I showed him the dolls and he invited me to visit his studio in Quezon City," she says. "I was very impressed with his works. He offered to teach us how to paint the dolls so I brought in two artists. He's so meticulous that only one, Cristina Ramirez, passed his standards," she laughs.

Tesoro says Galicano didn't even ask to be paid for his services. "He knew it was for a good cause and he has great love for Filipino things," she says.

"We wanted the dolls to look really Filipino," Gomez says. "We're a mix of many races so some of the dolls look mestizo, some Chinese-looking, others like our indigenous peoples. One day, even foreigners will recognize a 'Filipino doll,'" she adds.

For accuracy, Tesoro says they consulted books, photos from the period and even paintings.

All handmade

Each piece is handmade—from the handpainted tableau stand down to the intricately embellished costume.

No expense was spared in the sumptuous costumes. Made of local fabrics like *jusi*, *piña*,

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"PANUNUYO (Courtship)"

"BURDADORA (The Embroiderer)"

EACH doll is handpainted just like a Lladro.

ARTIST Cristina Ramirez applies oil paint on a resin doll as taught by painter Romulo Galicano.

GUIA Gomez with the mass-market version of Ninay

"TINDERA ng Pamaypay at Tsinelas (Fan and Slipper Vendors)"

"SANTACRUZAN (The Procession of the Holy Cross)"

"LAS TINDERAS de San Andres (Market Vendors in San Andres)"

All dolled up and Pinoy

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sinamay, *t'nalak*, they are miniature versions of Tesoro's design motifs. "Our materials are 99.9 percent Filipino," she says proudly. "It is painstaking. But I'm happy that Filipinos are very skilled and talented—the carpenters who made the stands, the Bulacan embroiderers, the beaders..."

Like Lladro figures, Ramirez paints each piece with oil paint, a tricky process that takes up to four hours; it takes up to three days to completely dry. A single tableau alone takes two months to finish.

Each tableau is one of a kind, says Tesoro, although they can recreate the same theme if the client wishes.

Priced from P25,000 to a high of P180,000, Tesoro proudly says 12 pieces have been presold.

"These can be passed on to the next generations, so we hope to interest museums, government offices, private institutions, Filipinos living abroad," Gomez says.

For those who want to have their piece of Ninay, so to speak, but are daunted by the steep price, Gomez's BSKF is producing a smaller, mass-market version which will be marketed à la Barbie. Each will come with a short literature describing the costume and will initially retail at P1,500.

It's a small price to pay, both women agree, as keeping alive—and reviving—Filipino values and traditions through Ninay is priceless.

"LOLA Nagnonovena (Grandmother Praying the Novena)"

"DOMINGO de Ramos (Palm Sunday)"

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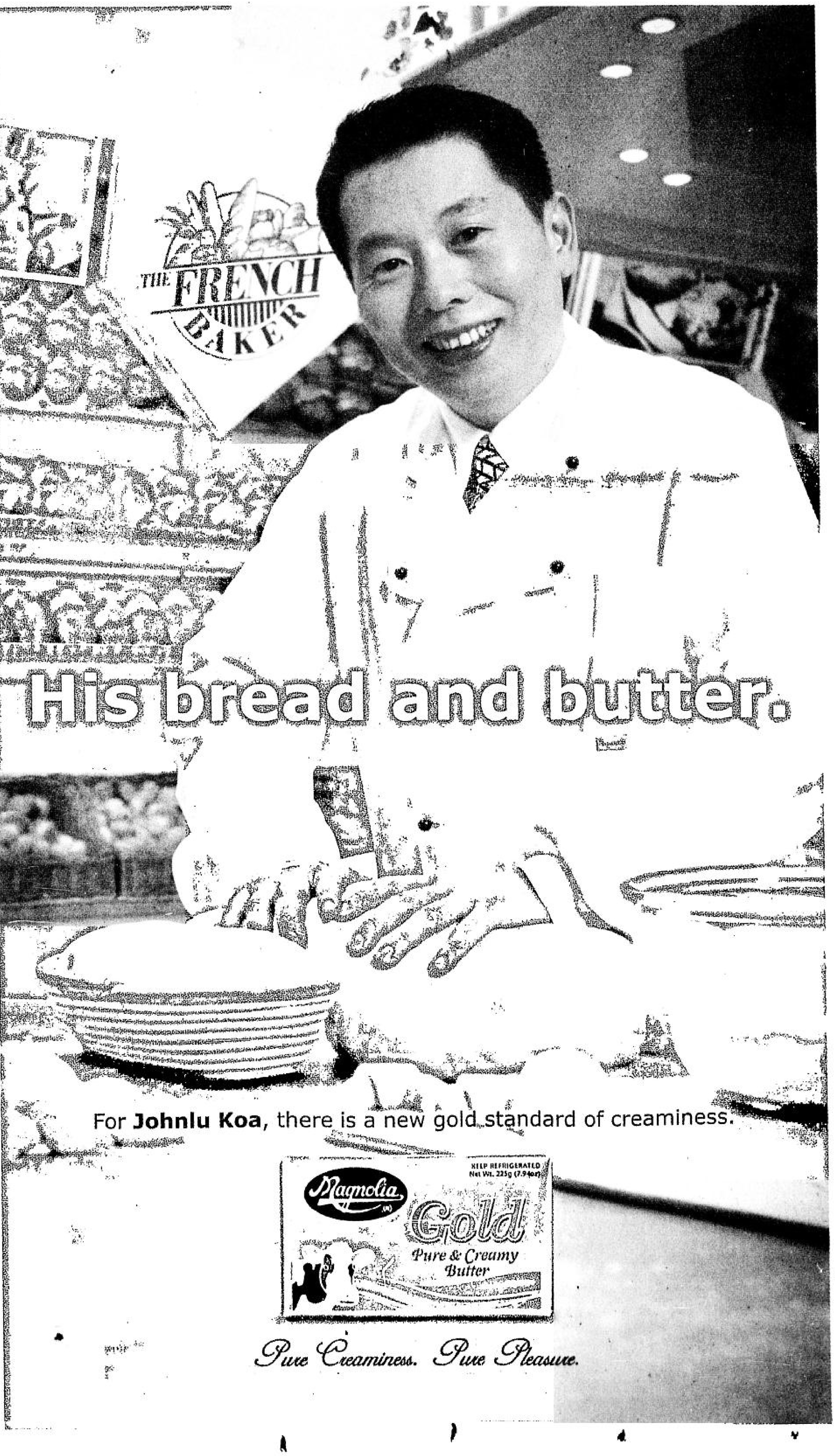
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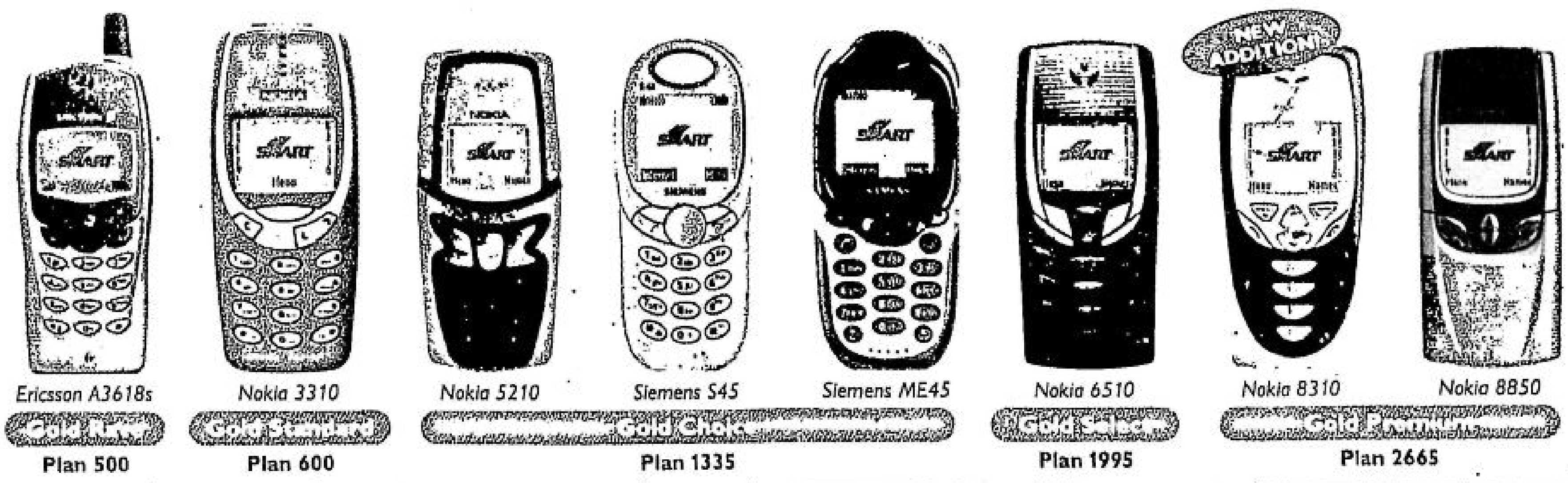
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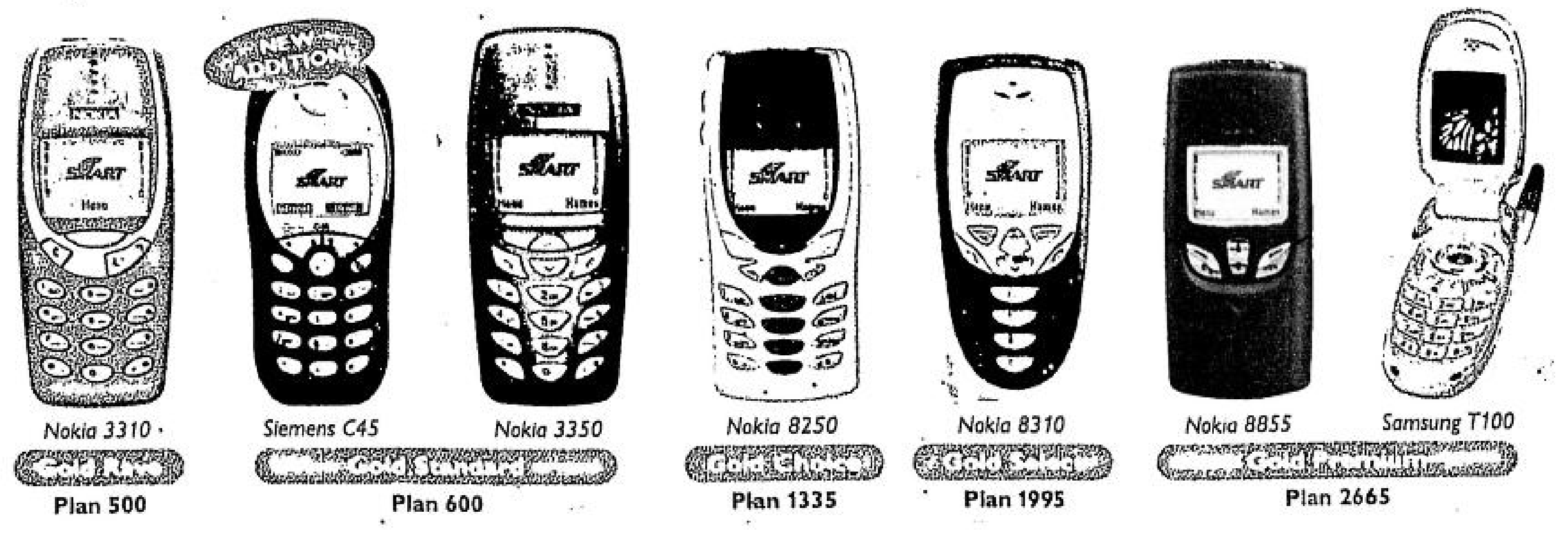
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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Of 'señoras' and high, high heels

Pulled out of retirement by Ben Farrales, they tried to get back in shape and on supermodel mode on the catwalk

THE AUTHOR on the ramp at the Ben Farrales show

By Gem Padilla
Contributor

I FIRST heard about Ben Farrales' show through a friend. She called me up one morning and accused me of trying to lose weight for his 50th Anniversary Show. My friend apparently saw my name in the papers among the list of older, or rather, "seasoned" models who have been invited to do the show.

Honestly, it was a big "Oh my God!" moment for me. This opportunity truly came out of left field, having something to do as it did with Mang Ben, who taught me one of the most valuable lessons in modeling very early in my career—professionalism. To call it a surprise would be an understatement.

It had been a while since I last did a real fashion show in Manila. For some years now, I have considered myself a retired model, although I can still be seen around the shows—as a spectator—and I am still very much in touch with my model and designer friends.

I had a few concerns about doing a show again and I shared it with my contemporaries, I wondered how we would look on stage **now**. The job would require being in shape and in style and such intangibles as allure and glamour (I just mentioned the names of magazines, didn't I?).

In modeling, some things never change. One's looks—a big portion of which has to do with one's dress size—is a model's perennial concern. But change we have indeed as we all have grown just a little bit older.

Knowing that most of us take very good care of ourselves left me with no real worries over that. Vanity is not an uncommon flaw among us, whether we admit it or not, and so is pride. I thought it would be interesting to see how all of us would fare next to the current lot of "catwalkers." By the way, I am required to mention that (by the sacred vows that bind the members of the sisterhood) ours is the most recent batch of retirees.

As the day of the fitting arrived, I knew it would be another test of vanity and pride—in case the clothes didn't fit. I was up-front about not being "model" size anymore and it helped. Mang Ben was very accommodating.

Call time for the rehearsal was 9 a.m., July 1. The models from my batch were Sara Jane Paez-Santiago, Marina Benipayo, Tweety De Leon-Gonzales, Apples Aberin-Sadwahni, Abbygale Arenas-de Leon and Erma

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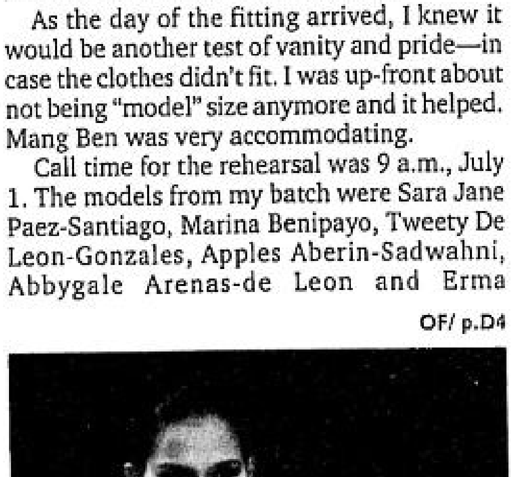

MELANIE Marquez

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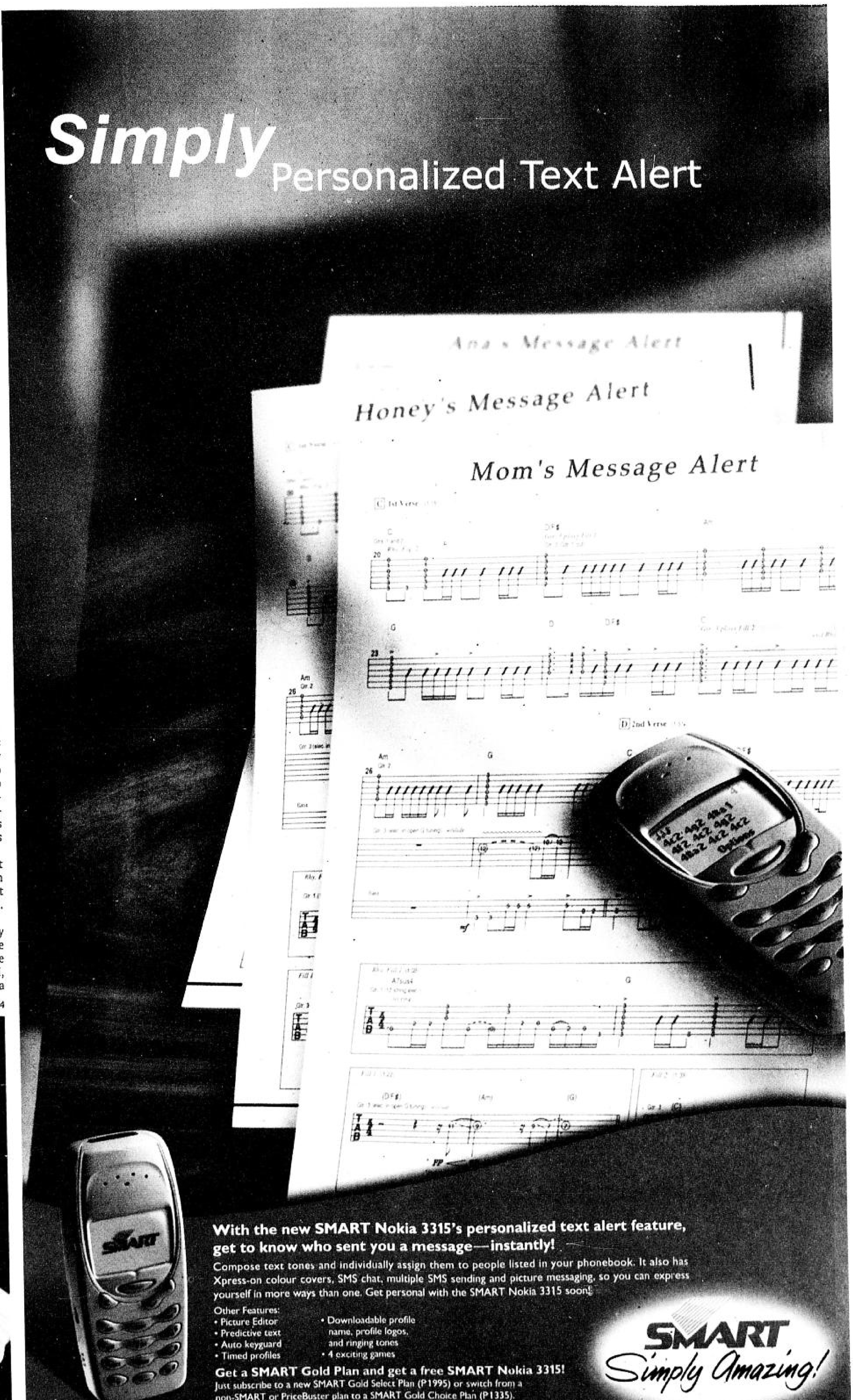

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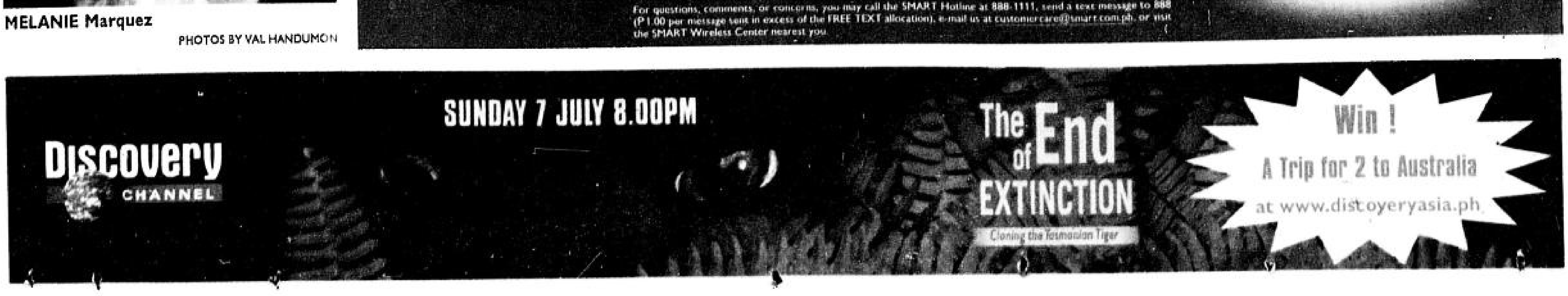

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"Globe to the Fifth Power" (Globe5), held on June 1 at the Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City, was hosted by Paolo Bediones, Richard Gomez and Donita Rose and aired over GMA 7.

Aside from reaching a milestone in its subscriber base, "Globe to the Fifth Power" was also the venue for the Txtrs 5 grand raffle draw. Txtrs 5 was a collaborative effort of Globe Telecom and GMA 7 and was tagged as a most exciting game show. Ten lucky Globe Handyphone subscribers won five brand-new BMWs and cash prizes totaling P5 million.

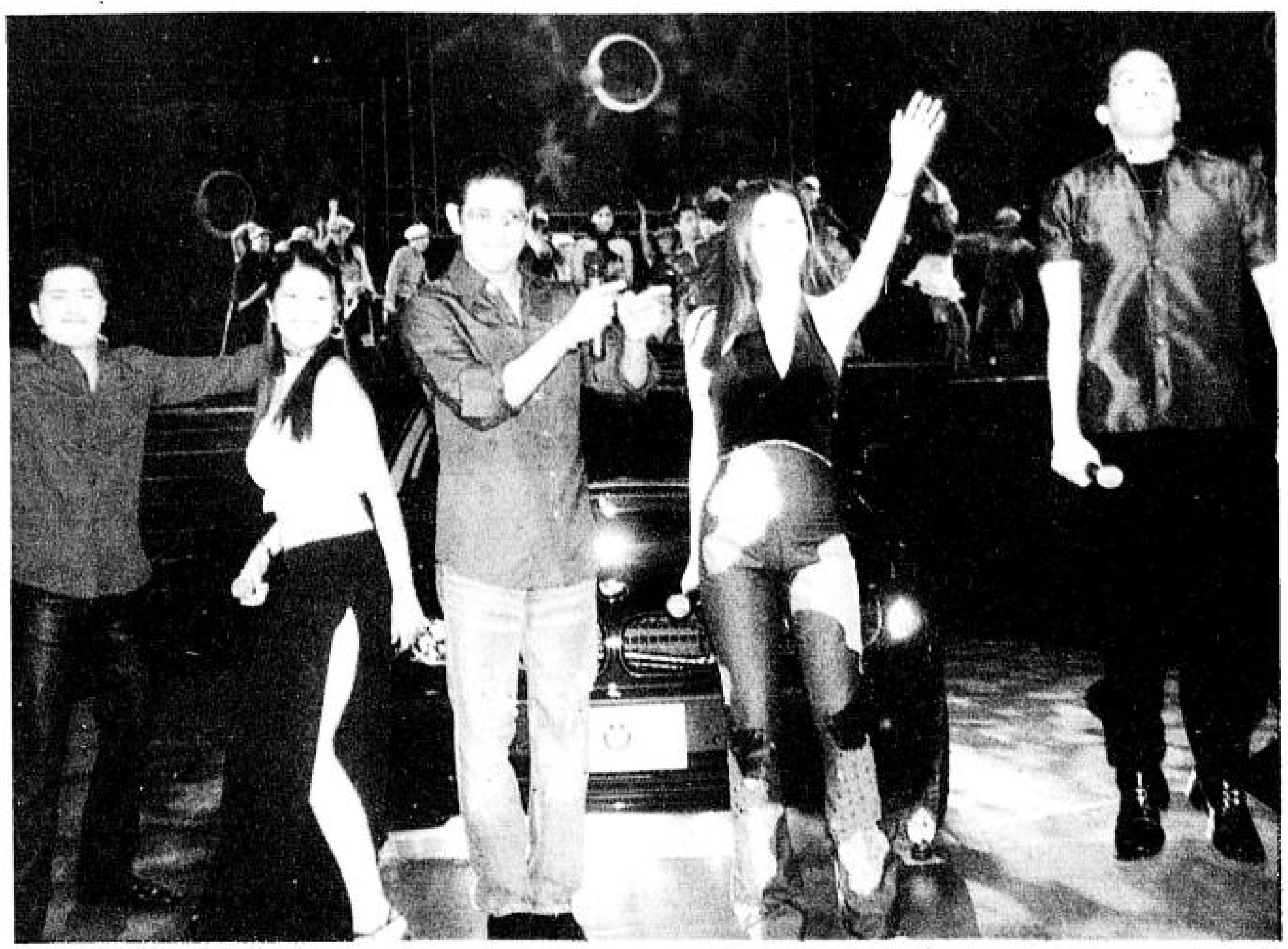
Top stars performed spectacular musical numbers. Leading the pack was Gary Valenciano, who opened the show together with Dingdong Dantes, Donita Rose, Sherwin Ordoñez, China Ortaleza, Danilo Barrios and Maxine Magalona. They sang a medley of musical hits by Destiny's Child, Shakira and Kylie Minogue.

This was followed by "love in the digital age" medleys by Franco Laurel and Geneva Cruz, Karylle and RJ Rosales, and Calvin Millado and Rachel Alejandro, who sang love songs from the hit movie "Moulin Rouge" and stage musical, "Rama at Sita" and "Miss Saigon."

Then a "Woman's Globe Medley" was performed by Vernie Varga, Jaya and Sunshine Cruz to highlight women's milestones, singing hits like "Natural Woman," "Power of Love" and "Respect." Joining them for a dance number were Ara Mina and Maureen Larrazabal.

Not to be outdone, Janno Gibbs belted out the popular song "Superman" together with Francis Magalona, who did a rap number. Fast rising Fil-Am boy band 604 sang "The Call" by the famous Backstreet Boys.

Douglas Nieras' Power Dance did a magnificent number with Ralion Alonzo and Lana Asanin. In this number, Power Dance made use of the keypads of a giant cell phone on stage to produce different sounds and steps. At the end of the number, a message appeared on the screen saying: "Let's all make great things possible."


ENCORE! Janno Gibbs, Geneva Cruz, Gary V., Sunshine Cruz and Franco Laurel

RICHARD Gomez, Donita Rose, Globe president Gerry Ablaza and Paolo Bediones

Before the celebration, cocktails were served with bigwigs from Globe Telecom and GMA 7 gathered to celebrate the milestone. From Globe Telecom, among the attendees were president and CEO Gerry Ablaza; Gil Genio, COO of Wireline Business; assistant vice president Beng Pangan, and vice presidents Bec Ramirez and Manny Aligada. From GMA 7, present were president Jimmy Duavit and anchor Mike Enriquez, senior vice president for radio services.

Other guests included Mike Coyuito, president of PGA Cars Inc.; Venus Navalta, senior vice president of Universal McCann Philippines; Parikshil Bhasin, country manager of Nokia, and Hasse Olausson, account director of Ericsson.

Culminating the 1 ½ hour extravaganza was the grand raffle draw for the BMWs and P5 million in cash prizes. Winners were drawn from valid entries to the Missing Lyric trivia game on the Txtrs 5 game show. Lucky Globe Handyphone subscribers who won one BMW each were Ferdinand Fajardo of QC, Alice Trinidad of Muntinlupa City, Lester Noa Mesina of Sta. Cruz, Manila, Laureano Umali Garcia of Batangas, and Monterey Food Corp. in Pasig City.

Winners of P1 million cash prize each were Gretelle dela Paz of Pasig City, Avelina Bugia of Makati City and Renato Gawaran Jr. of Lipa City, Batangas, while the winners of P500,000 were Larry Ines of Ilocos Norte and Marlene Reducindo of Manila.

Globe president and CEO Ablaza also awarded Ms Perpetua Papa, housewife from Cebu City, a Nokia 9210, P10,000 cash and a special plaque for being Globe's five-millionth subscriber.

"I'm very happy and I'm very satisfied," Ms Papa exclaimed. "Globe really went to great lengths to take care of me."

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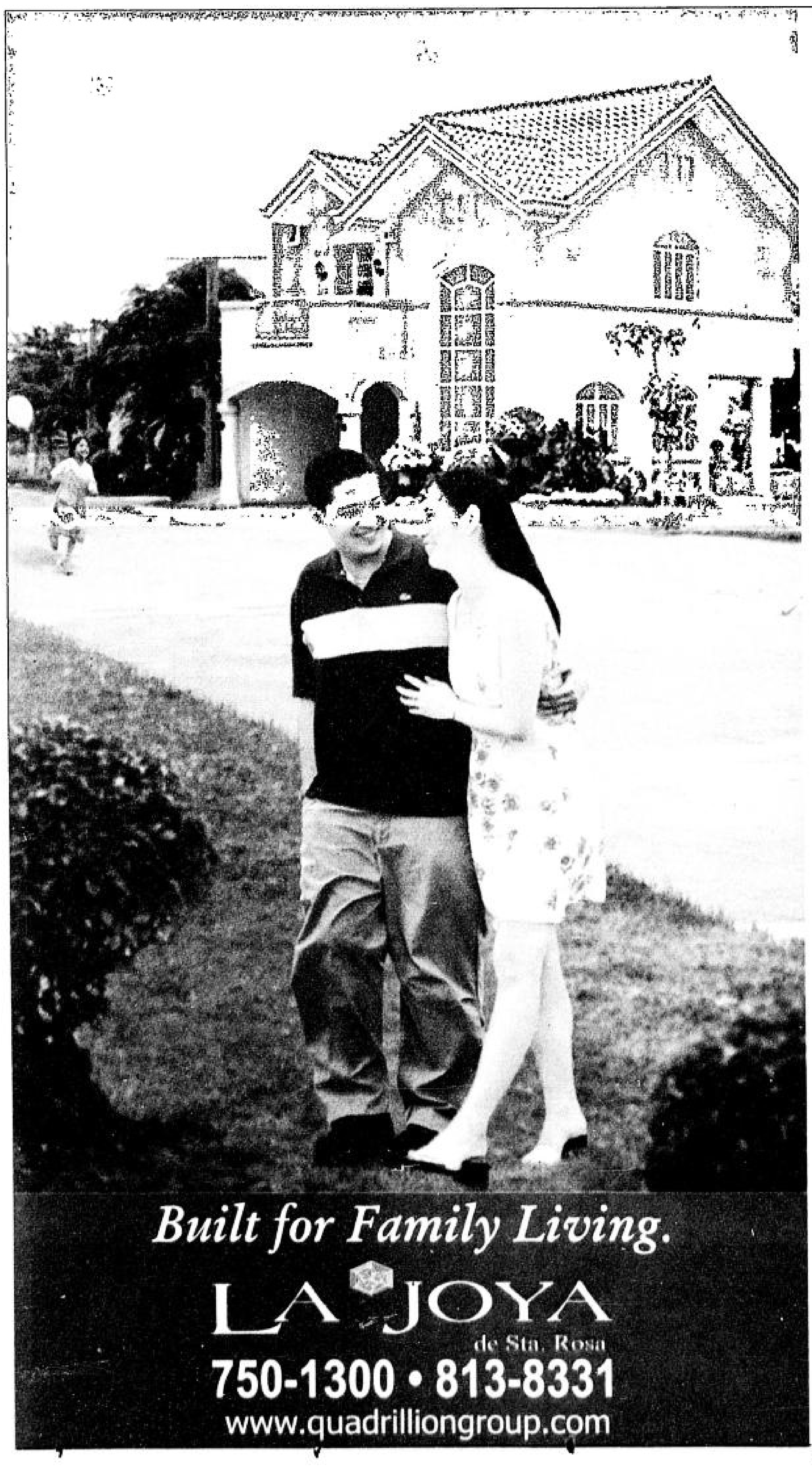

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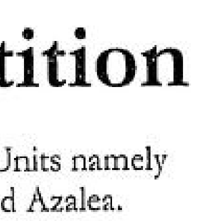
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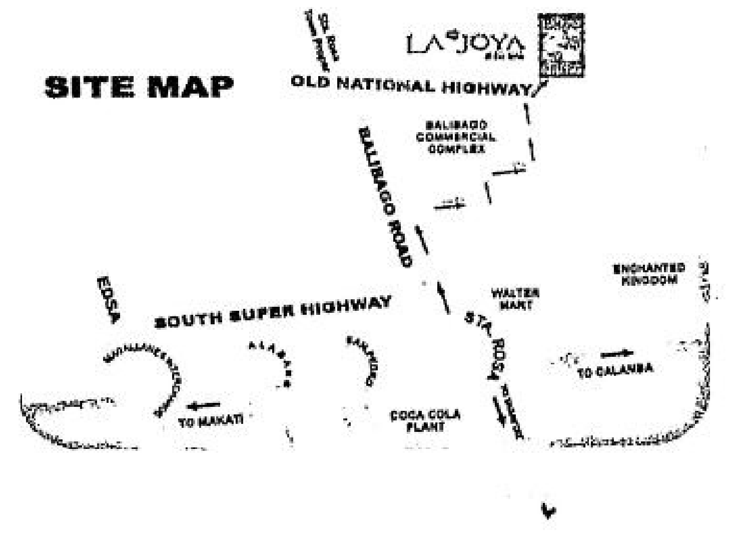

Hippie tops, Ben Farrales tour de force and 11 crimes of fashion

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

MUST-HAVE tops—Hip pie chic. They come in different names: boho chic, kaftan, hippie tops. Whatever they call it, it's one of the most fun tops to come in a long while.

Most women's tops can come off as too serious or too sexy, but this one is simply classic and unpretentious. It reminds me of that Coke commercial back in the '70s with the familiar jingle, "I'd like to teach the world to sing." Really cool.

While we are still on the subject of tops, did you know that the peasant blouse has been declared passé? Anything that's overkill and seen everywhere (especially on *tiangge* mannequins) is past its shelf life. If you do not heed the warning, you may be subject to ridicule or, worse, salmonella.

Ben Farrales gala—Last Monday, July 1, was an important day as one of Philippine fashion's pillars celebrated his golden year. Ben Farrales, one of the most revered of our designers, showcased a spectacular array of clothes that showed why he is called the Dean of Philippine Fashion.

Interspersed in the show were speeches by such glamorous women as Tina Ocampo, Rosa Rosal, Aurora Pijuan and Mary Prieto. He chose supermodels such as Melanie Marquez, Tweetie de Leon, Apples Aberin and Alta Tan to don his masterpieces. The models and the clothes were equally well-applauded.

The staging by Joey Espino was equally good. The Shangri-La Makati's Rizal Ballroom was veiled in black to give accent to the colorful array of clothes that came forth.

There were numerous highlights in the show, including an overzealous Melanie Marquez, who spun and spun and hit a wood panel prop (like a true diva, she just laughed it off).

The clothes were exquisite. Mang Ben showed his creative prowess, discipline and workmanship. His clothes were not mere rehashes; they were as contemporary and "hip" as when they were first introduced.

Fifty years of sustained creative genius is hard to come by, especially in the fast and fleeting world of fashion. But Mang Ben remains at the top of that world because of hard work, perseverance, talent, humility and prayers.

A side note to the fashion show was this woman who belonged to a religious organization who fell asleep during the show. Since she sat on the front row and wore a purple dress, she was a sight to behold. She must have been so sleepy because her head was slouching on her chest; her neck had practically disappeared. When people would clap, she would wake up, squint her eyes because of the bright lights and, just as fast, fall back to sleep.

Now that was not an indication of the reception to the show because many in the audience were mesmerized by Mang Ben's gala. Many were sitting on the edge of their seats. As for our sleepy head, what she did was plain rude.

TNT tidbits. Set to have its soft opening on July 9 in the new Greenbelt is Nuvo. Owned by Inigo Zobel, Philip Cruz, Ed Roxas and Louie Ysmael, with culinary offerings by no less than Billy King, Nuvo promises to become the place to dine and be seen in. Although it was set to open months ago, delivery problems and changes in the design delayed the opening. But all the green lights are now on. "All good things always come with a little bit of pain and suffering," Louie says. "Better sure than sorry."

11 fashion crimes. There are not only crimes of passion; there are crimes of fashion, too. This week, TNT compiles a short list of fashion faux pas prevalent in Manila society. If you are one who revels in these crimes, be warned. There's always time to change.

1. Too tight—a lot of women and men are guilty of this. They wear clothes so tight they look like sausages. Instead of seeing one stomach, you see several. For women, it's more obvious. You see not only several lumps in the front, but at the sides and back as well.

2. Those big shoes! Chunky shoes are really horrific especially when worn with long skirts or jeans.

3. Kunta Kinte won't approve. Visible roots are a major nightmare. If your fave hairdresser is out of town or you can't afford to color, wear a scarf or hat. If you opt for a brown paper bag, just remember to put holes in it.

4. Overdose. If you're going to wear only one type of fabric, especially if it's denim, do not overload or you may end up looking like a *kargador*.

5. Tattoos. They may look good in some, but those glass tattoos—even if they're Swarovski—look awful and cheap.

6. Hairy scary. Beards and stubble on men look good, but on women they are awful. Especially if they are in the upper lip, legs and arms. Please wax!

7. Prints, please. Too much prints, decoration or patterns and over-accessorizing will make people think you are a Christmas tree or a *parol*, unless that's the look you're going for.

8. Exposed bra. Working for the Tatler, I get all these society photos of women in parties and socials, and the ones that end up in my worst-dressed tray are those women who wear the wrong bras. They like to wear black tops with a flesh or white bra underneath, so when the camera's flash gets them, they get bad exposure. Yikes!

9. Eye spy. We have brown eyes because we are Asians. Trying to change them through colored contact lens is obviously fake and cheap.

10. Blonde ambition. It does not matter if beauty experts say that orange or blonde hair go well with Asian skin. It makes you look like an orangutan.

11. Oops, she did it again. Britney is the idol of teenage girls, not moms. So women over 50 should not attempt to show their tummies or too much flesh. Sorry, but we want to digest our food, too!

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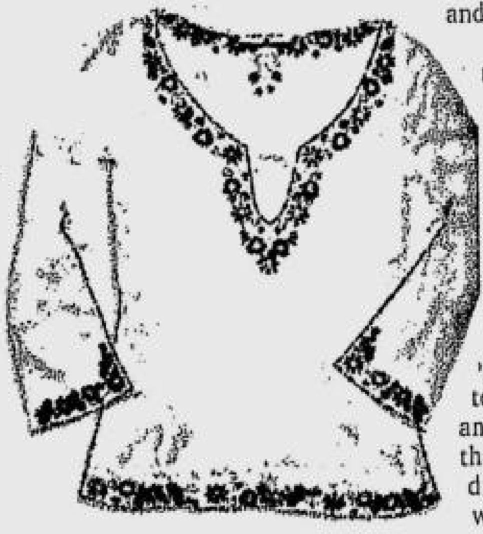

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CRIMES OF FASHION: These ladies have to be covered with a black bar just in case they decide to sue.

PEEPING bra

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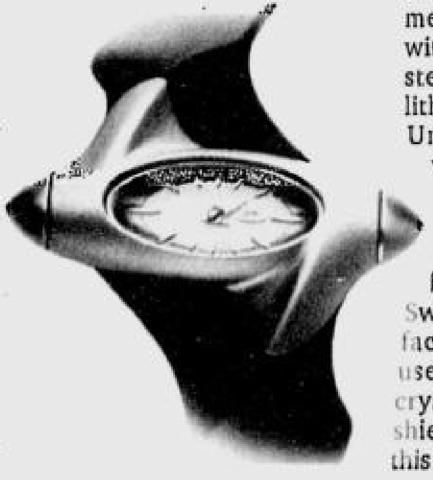

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ALL TOGETHER NOW. The "señoras" backstage before the show

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HAPPY birthday, Mang Ben, and kisses from his come-back girls

SUPERMODEL Melanie Marquez gets her hair done before gliding down the ramp

Of 'señoras' and high, high heels

From page D1

Maglalang. The "Fashion Divas" (which they were during my time as a model, and still are) taking part in the show were Maricar Totengco, Olen Juarez-Lim, Cheng Bernardez, Annette Coronel-Cruz, Issa Gonzales-Agana, Alta Tan and Melanie Marquez.

Reunion

It was like a high school reunion backstage. You hardly noticed the other models over the racket made by the non-stop gabbing of the *señoras*, a term of endearment for us "seasoned" models. It was a major case of déjà vu, all of us just like the way we were, in a setting that was like a second home to us. Except back then we used to talk about photo shoots, parties, runway assignments, shows abroad, and of course, boys. Now it was all about kids (schools, birthdays, etc.), doctors (pedia, derma, OB-Gyne), businesses and husbands (or the lack thereof).

Seeing the other–*sige na nga*, younger–models at lunch reminded me of how we used to behave around food. They slowly went through their vegetables and fruits and drank lots of water. Not the *ñoras*. Because it was Mang Ben's birthday, *lechon* was served at lunch. Designer Aureo Alonzo—"Tatang" to us—sent *pancit malabon* and barbeque. Another glaring proof that we were models no more: we didn't hesitate to sample the goodies. In fact, we couldn't wait for the waiter in-charge of chopping the *lechon* so we chopped it ourselves.

Throughout the rehearsals and the whole show, we had to wear 4 ½-inch high heels, the bane of every model's existence. Maricar Totengco and the rest of the señoras reminded me why they were worthy "Fashion Divas"; although they grumbled and whined backstage about the shoes and their feet, off they went during the show, gliding down the ramp with nary a trace of difficulty or discomfort.

"Gliding" is the only way I can conceive of walking down that ramp for that kind of show. I was taught that way, way back in the day when haute couture shows were regular events. I guess that's why I was shocked to hear one of the designers who saw the show make the comment, "These models dragged their feet, and one practically marched!" I just hope it wasn't me he was referring to, or my *señoras'* painstaking tutelage would have been in vain.

After 50 years in the business, Ben Farrales hadn't lost his touch. I hope the same could be said of the models he got out of retirement. And to echo his many well-wishers, we hope he would continue to do what he does best. The show gave us a brief glimpse of fashion history— Mang Ben's and, hopefully, a little bit of ours.

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ALTA Tan takes a nap before the show.

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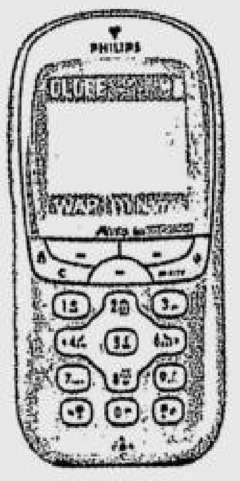

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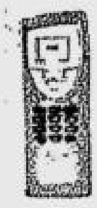

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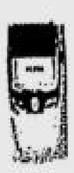

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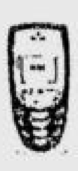

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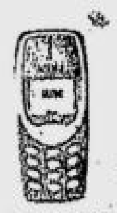

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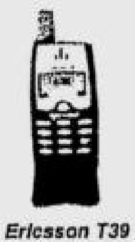

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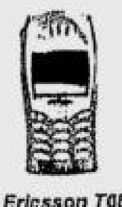

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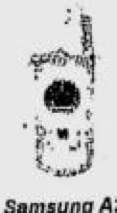

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MAKE-A-WISH

Thank you, Gift Gate, for the invitation, the giveaways and the balloons. We loved the show.—Alayne S. Habaluyas, Grade 5

I can say that it was really a magical event because not only the students wore a smile on their faces, but the young cancer patients, too!—Rose Ann Reyes, 4-James

Making a wish and being part of one are two different things. When little Dorothy put me on her wish list (second only to a keyboard, mind you)—now that was magical. I remembered a similar scene with Jasper Santillan last Christmas. The wish and the magic were the same. Even the requested song. After seeing and hugging Dorothy, I realized in a split second that a lifetime can be years, months or a moment. It's what you do with those years, months or that moment that determines the magic. I believe we, Dorothy—all of us—are just chasing time. The rest is up to God.—Martin Nievera

Buy a gift, grant a wish

So I hope there will not be those who will ask: When can the giving end? When have we given enough? —former President Corazon Aquino

STARTING this month, when you buy something at Gift Gate, you help grant a child's wish.

Together with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Gift Gate launched last Wednesday the gift-and-wish campaign at Gift Gate Gallery, Glorietta.

At the launch, 10 children with life-threatening illnesses were granted their life-long wishes.

Who joined them on that magical day? Animals from Kinder Zoo, the mimes and magicians of Black Light Theater, Gift Gate fan Tessa Prieto-Valdes, and the students of the Pasig Catholic College, the first school to participate in the campaign.

Long-time Gift Gate endorsers Martin Nievera and Kris Aquino hosted the affair. Providing entertainment were the very popular Aiza Seguerra and young singer Cris Villongco.

For every purchase at Gift Gate Gallery, you will be given a marble to be placed in the Gift Gate Wishing Well. Inscribed on the marble are the names of children whose wishes have been granted.

My favorite part was when we were about to put the marbles in the container with the names of the children Gift Gate helped already. I wish them more power so they can help more children around the country.—Joana Mari Bacallo, IV-James of Alphaeus

Three kids wished for mobile phones and Smart's VP for marketing Ramon Isberto gave them what they wished for, with Smart prepaid cards, of course.

From a little girl to a multi-platinum singer, Aiza Seguerra is back at Gift Gate!

I was happy to see some big stars and I would like to thank Gift Gate for the tower of wishes.—Nicole T. Noveza, Grade 5

When I saw the tears in the eyes of the little children, I knew and I believed that they were tears of joy. For a wish to come true is a very nice gift from God.—John Kevin L. Cruz, IV-St. James of Alphaeus

WISH LIST*

I wish to have basketball gear and to meet Benjie Paras.—**Ian, 5**
I wish to have 100 coloring books and crayons.—**Jo-Honey, 3**
I wish to have a cellphone and I wish to meet Jackie Chan.—**Debbie, 12**
I wish to have a cellphone and go to an amusement park.—**Lauden, 9**
I wish to have a big toy car which I can drive.—**Biboy, 4**
I wish to meet Martin Nievera and I wish to have a Yamaha organ.—**Dorothy, 14**
I wish to have a TV and playstation.—**Shemaian, 10**
I wish to have a cellphone with 12 100-peso prepaid cards.—**Julius, 16**
I wish to go to New York.—**Aira, 7** (Granted by Northwest Airlines)
I wish to be a computer expert.—**Wency, 16**

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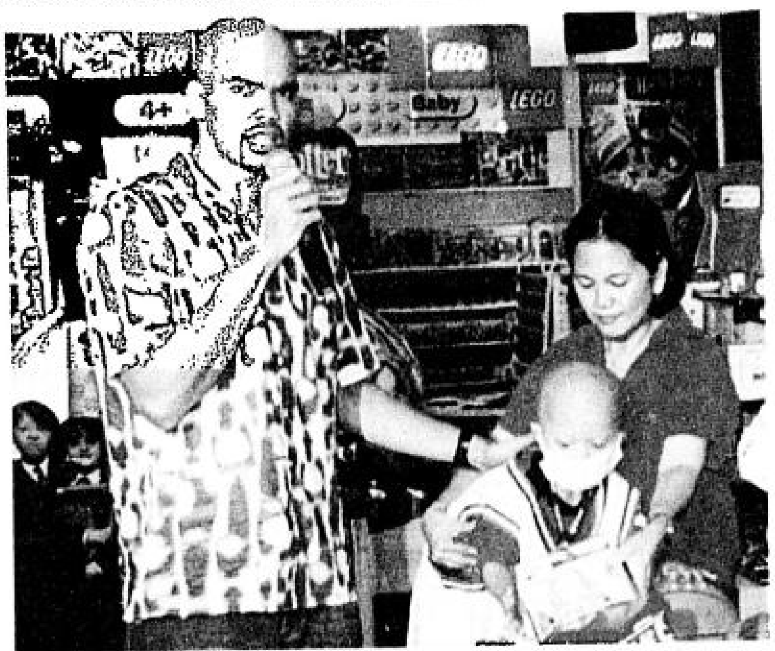

I saw how much the children were thankful and so were their parents. I am happy that their wishes came true.—Andrea Camille C. Perez, 6-Jonah; Cager Benjie Paras calls out for others to help in granting wishes for the wishkids at MAWF. Shown here with Wishkid Ian and mom.

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MAKE-A-WISH

Yesterday, I learned that you can reach and achieve your dreams. Just believe that dreams soon will come true. I thank my classmates because they voted for me to become the class senior patrol leader so I was able to join the 39 Grade 6 pupils that went to Glorietta...I saw the 10 children with illnesses, the hope in their eyes that they will be cured... Ms Virgie Ramos is so kind for giving the wishes of the children. And I also thank her for all the food they gave us.—Stephanie Maureen M. Tan, Grade 6

Gift Gate president Virgie Ramos with special guests, Aiza Seguerra and Dean Sonny Cansana with the teachers of the Pasig Catholic College

Prize scams on cellular phones and other complaints

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

PRIZE scam artists are now using cellular phones to prey on victims, so be ever on the alert about text messages announcing that you've won an award, especially if you have never entered any contest. Marie Fe S. Reyes, an INQUIRER employee, related to us her experience last July 1 when, from out of the blue, she received a text announcing that she had won a car from a cosmetic company based in Subic, Olongapo City.

This is part of the message that Reyes received: "We would like to informed [sic] that you won one (1) unit Starex Van plus 300 thousand pesos worth of products from (the cosmetic company)...Congratulations and call now!"

The texter advised Reyes to contact a certain Ms Sarmiento by cellular phone to get more details.

Reyes did her own sleuthing before calling up Sarmiento. She asked about the company operations from the Olongapo telephone company, the Department of Trade and the Bureau of Food and Drugs. Just as she suspected, she found out that the company was non-existent inside Subic, and the BFAD had not issued any permit for such a sales promotion.

Nonetheless, Reyes called up Sarmiento. The latter informed her that the Starex prize would be forfeited if she did not comply that very same day with the contest requirements. Part of the requirement was for Reyes to pay right away P11,500 for various processing fees, including attorney's notary fee, car registration, etc.

Reyes warned consumers, "Be suspicious of cellphone messages awarding fantastic prizes, particularly if you are asked to shell out money to cover certain expenses to meet contest requirements."

Unsolicited text messages

Annoyed by text spams? Join the cause advocated by Alvin T. Claridades (e-mail address clarvin@hotmail.com). He is calling the attention of authorities to regulate the use of mobile phones for sales promotions and advertising messages, game shows, and lotteries.

"It is about time the National Telecommunications Commission protected consumers by disallowing mobile phone companies from making use of their facilities to send to subscribers sales promos, contests, games, lotteries, etc. The barrage of text spams annoys and unnecessarily disturbs paying subscribers. The consumer is almost always left helpless, as he cannot block these messages.

"The Department of Trade and Industry should be serious enough to regulate these unfair and unscrupulous commercial practice. Moreover, asking subscribers to join lotteries and games is not only tantamount to gambling, but the telecom companies are out to earn more money at the expense of subscribers."

BPI responds to complaint

Cecile A. De la Paz, assistant vice president for card banking division of the Bank of Philippine Islands, sent the following reply to the complaint aired in this column by Arnold de Guzman, who griped about a Globe prepaid card top-up transaction using a BPI automated teller machine.

De la Paz wrote: "A review of your complaint showed that the mobile number you reported you owned was actually (0916) 309-5082. Having transposed the fourth to the seventh digit, you had actually loaded somebody else's prepaid mobile number. As to the second mobile number, we need to find out if it is indeed the actual mobile phone number of your daughter.

"Please be informed that our ATMs have been programmed to ask the cardholder to enter the prepaid cellphone number that he would like to load or top-up. This eliminates the need for pre-enrollment to avail of this top-up service, and allows a cardholder to top-up other people's mobile numbers.

"After prompting the customer to enter the prepaid number, a second screen is flashed showing the keyed-in mobile number for customer's confirmation. If the customer notices a discrepancy, he has the option to cancel the transaction and to re-input the correct mobile number. It is here that you might have failed to notice the discrepancy in the mobile phone number that was keyed in."

Ban kids from adult movies

An irate moviegoer is calling on the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board to prohibit kids from viewing for-adults-only films in movie houses.

He related to us that he was watching the last screening of the movie "Minority Report" at Robinsons Galleria when he saw a child viewing the film with his family. He asked, "Why is that kid admitted to a film that featured sex and violence? The boy could not have been 13 years old, the age when children are allowed by MTRCB to view adult movies as long as they are accompanied by their parents.

The moviegoer found out that the theater management allowed the kid to view the film because his parents were holders of privilege passes. These are issued supposedly to individuals deputized by MTRCB to review films.

"I suppose the parents just covered the eyes of the kid whenever the screen exploded with sex and violence. And that is okay by MTRCB standards!"

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Experience the forest in the mall

HARIBON Foundation marks its 30th anniversary with a touring mall exhibit titled "Celebrate Biodiversity."

There will be a special forest slide show featuring photos by Neal Oshima and a special video presentation about the Philippine Eagle.

There will be a diorama of the water cycle illustrating its importance and how it works, which can be seen by simply pressing a button. Visitors may enter a cocoon-shaped tent and feel the forest as captured by the latest Philips audio and video products. A coloring corner in the mall is reserved for kids.

The exhibit is now at the Activity Center of the Alabang Town Center, July 4-10. It will be at the main atrium of the Shangri-La Plaza Mall on July 11-17; and at the north court of the Power Plant Mall in Rockwell on Aug. 19-25.

On weekends, the mall tour will feature storytelling by noted personalities as well as games to keep the children entertained and informed.

Interactive digital stations installed in the latest Apple computers will also be put up. These stations will provide extensive data on the Philippine Eagle and some of our endangered and endemic species.

An information membership booth and souvenir counter will be put up for visitors who wish to support and become members of Haribon.

The exhibit is sponsored by Apple Computer Inc., Philips Consumer Electronics, dwNU 107, Equitable PCI Bank, Cravings, BPI Foundation and Faber Castell.

Haribon Foundation is at the 4/F Fil-Garcia Tower, 140 Kalayaan Ave. corner Mayaman St., Teachers Village, Diliman, QC. Call 520-7430, 436-4363 and 433-3476, or log on to www.haribon.org.ph.

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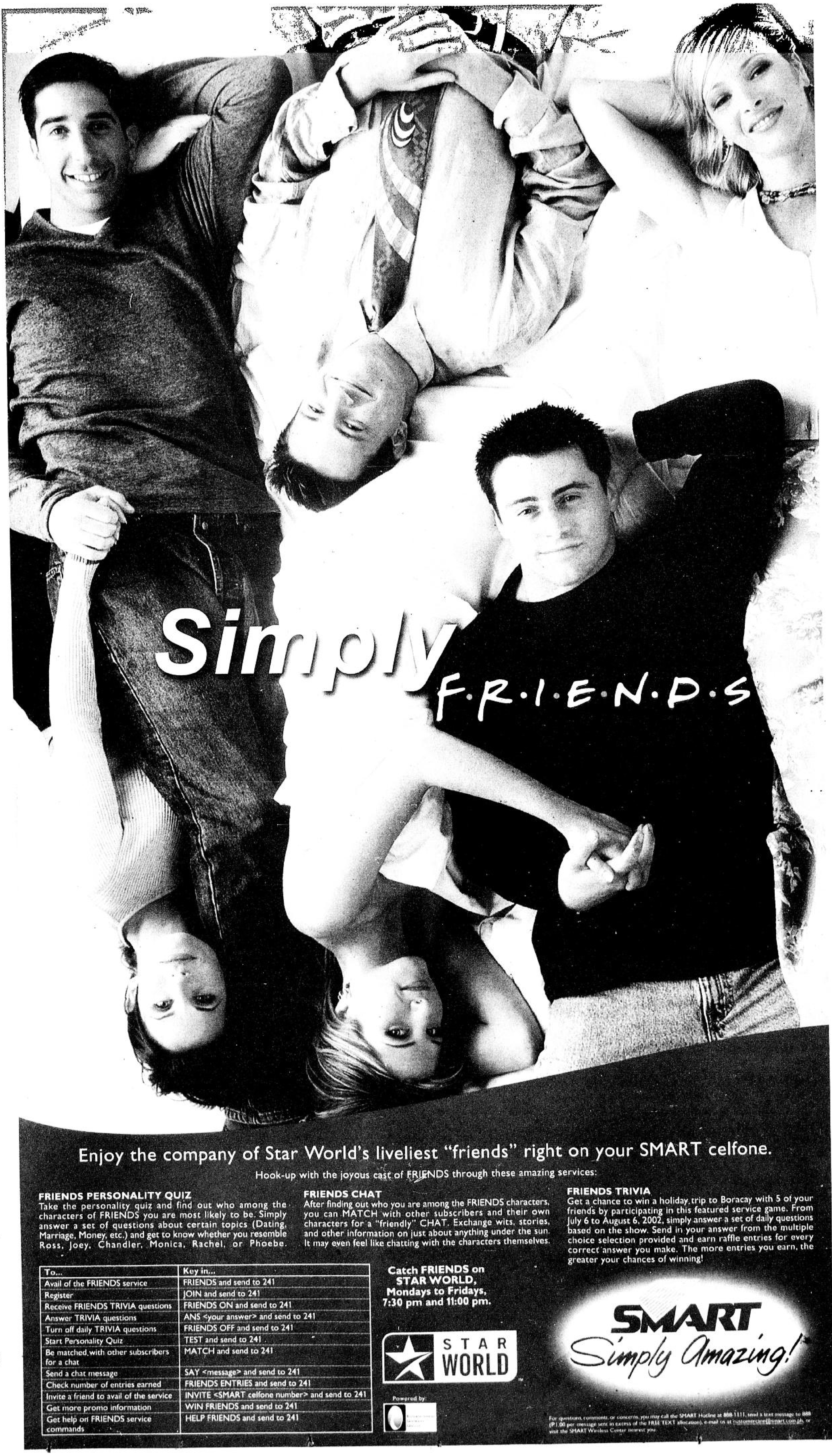

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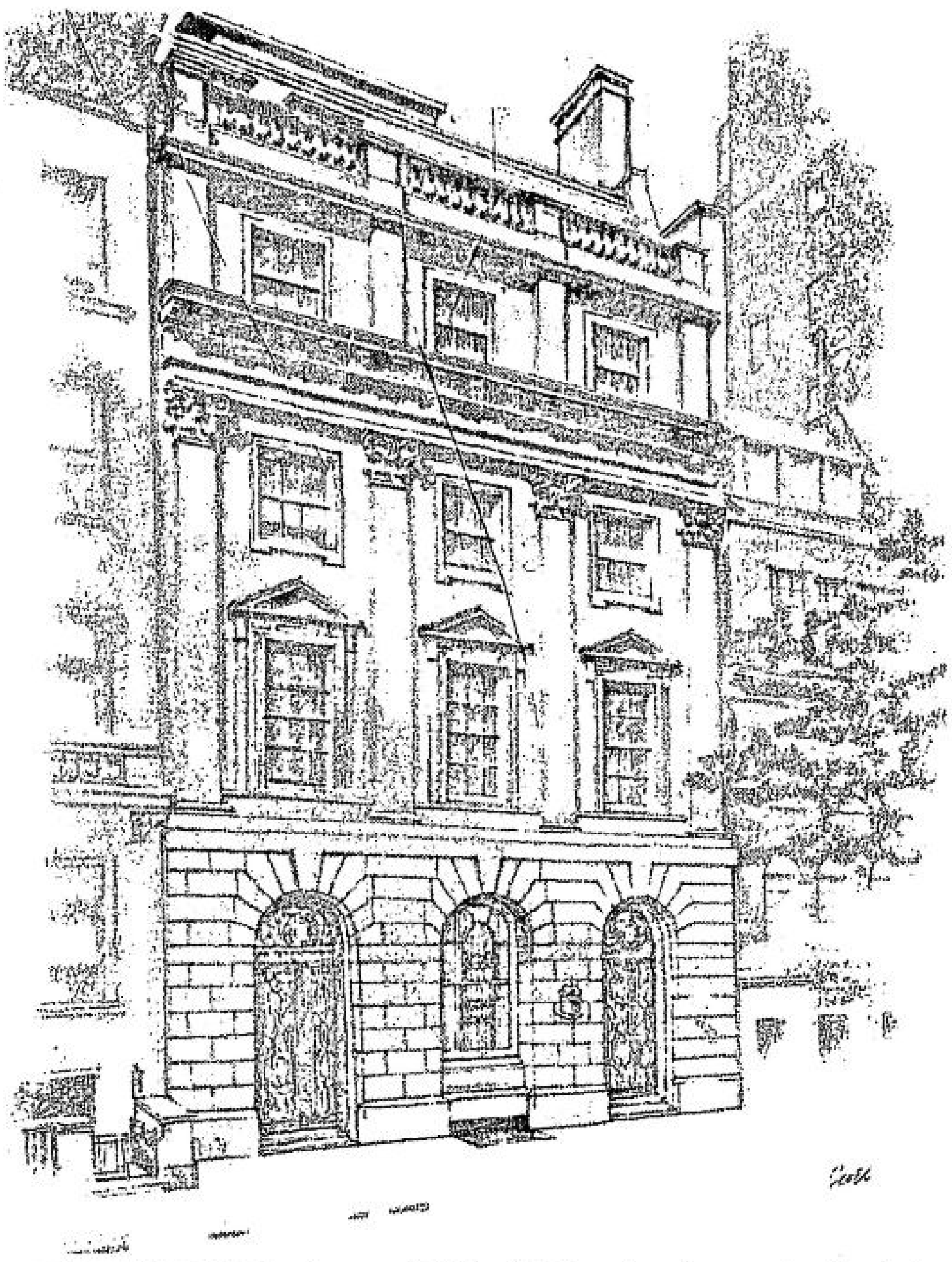

LANDMARK BUILDING. Townhouse at 13-15 East 66th Street has a limestone front façade. Its lower four floors are the official residence of the Philippine Ambassador to the United Nations. The upper three are to be converted into the official residence of the Philippine Consul General.

By Ada Ledesma Mabilangan

WHEN my husband, Ambassador Felipe Mabilangan, was appointed Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations by then President Fidel V. Ramos in August 1994, he was tasked to, among other things, see to the renovation of the Philippine government property on 13-15 East 66th St., New York City.

There had been talk of selling the property because it had fallen into disrepair and had been declared uninhabitable. There was also some ambiguity as to which government agency was responsible for managing it.

When we first laid eyes on the townhouse, we were aghast at the extent of the damage that had occurred. But beneath the grime, the water stains and the neglect lay the beautiful "bone structure" of the building. We saw its potential and fell in love with the place. We knew that it was worth saving and that with determination and a lot of hard work we would be able to restore it to its former glory.

Out of over a hundred applicants, the firm of Li/Salzman Architects, P.C. and Burda Construction, as general contractor, was chosen.

Roz Li, a Filipino-American, headed Li/Saltzman, which specialized in historic preservation. She graduated from the University of Santo Tomas and earned a masters degree in historic preservation from Columbia University, where she later taught Preservation at the Graduate School of Planning and Architecture. She brought not only impeccable credentials to thumb, but commitment and dedication that went over and beyond what was expected. Believing the townhouse was worth saving, she wanted her work to be a testimony to her love of country. She understood the limited resources of the mission, both in terms of funding and manpower, and made the most of what we had.

Two phases

Due to limited funds, a decision was made to restore the building in two phases.

Phase I was to stabilize the structural integrity of the entire building and complete the interiors of the basement and first to third floors for use as the residence of the Permanent Representative to the UN. The entrance would be at 15 East 66th Street. The work was completed in early 1997.

Phase II, which is yet to begin, will be the renovation of the interiors of the fourth to sixth floors to be used as the residence of the consul general with a separate entrance at 13 East 66th Street.

From the time we first laid eyes on the townhouse to the time construction finally began, the building had deteriorated dramatically. There was extensive water damage to the exterior and interior brought about by the poor design of previous renovations (such as the atrium on the sixth floor), lack of maintenance due to shortage of funds, etc. Work needed to be done on the heating, ventilation and air conditioning as well as the electrical and plumbing systems. The elevator had to be completely overhauled. A fire and burglar

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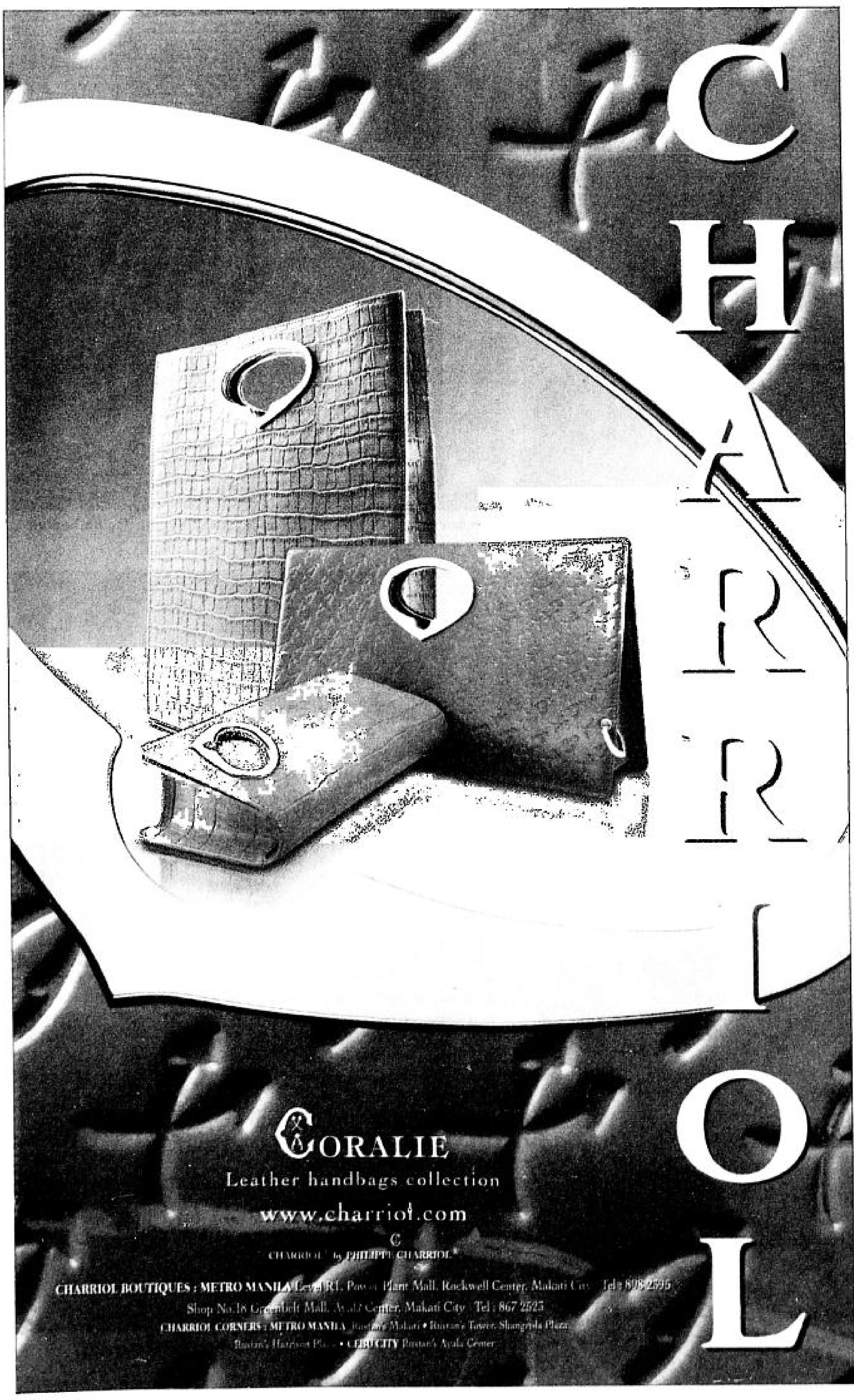

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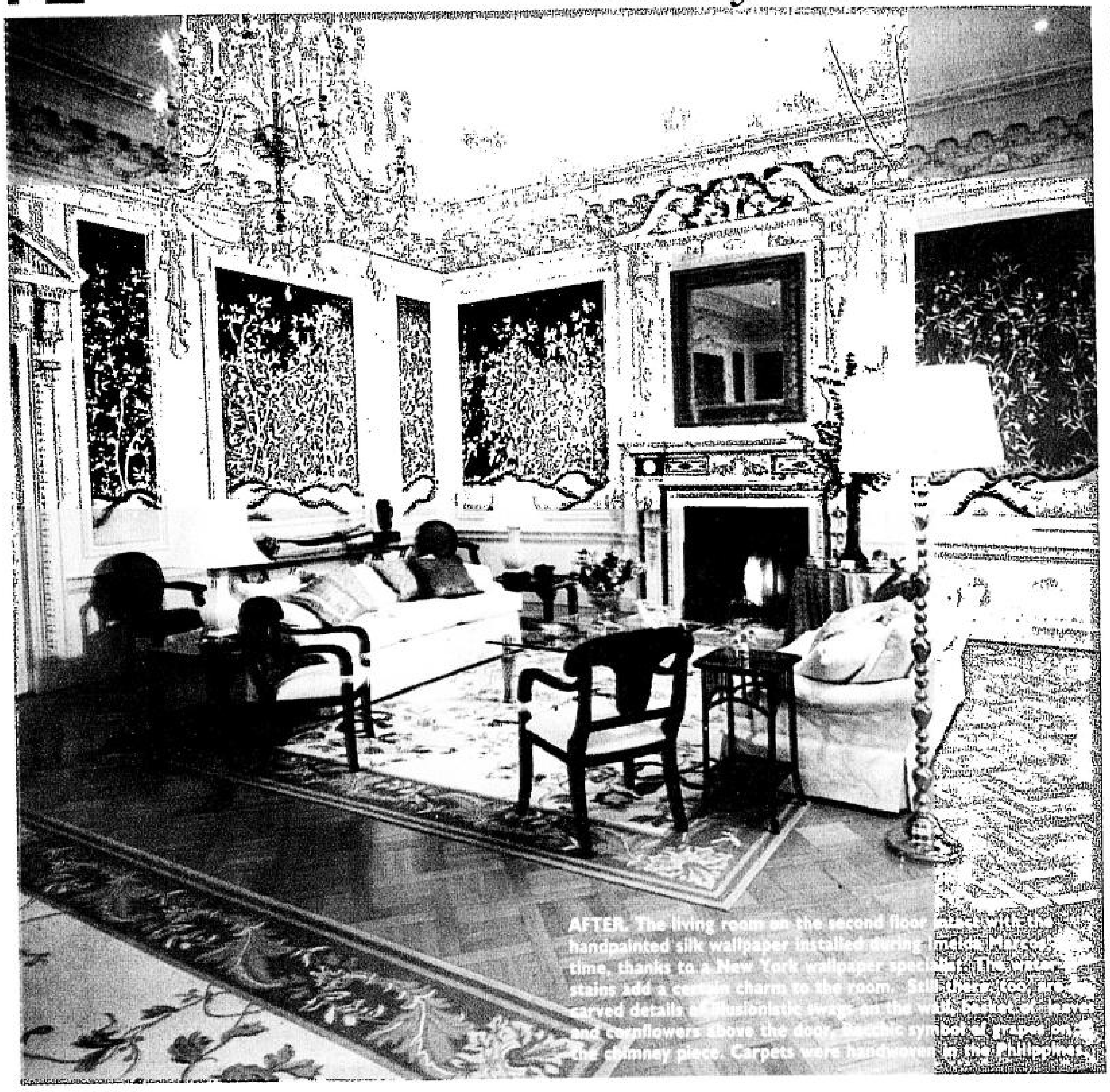

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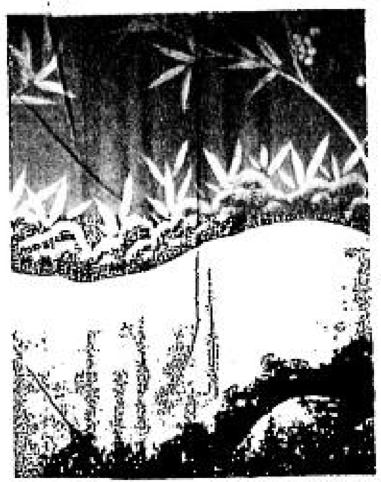
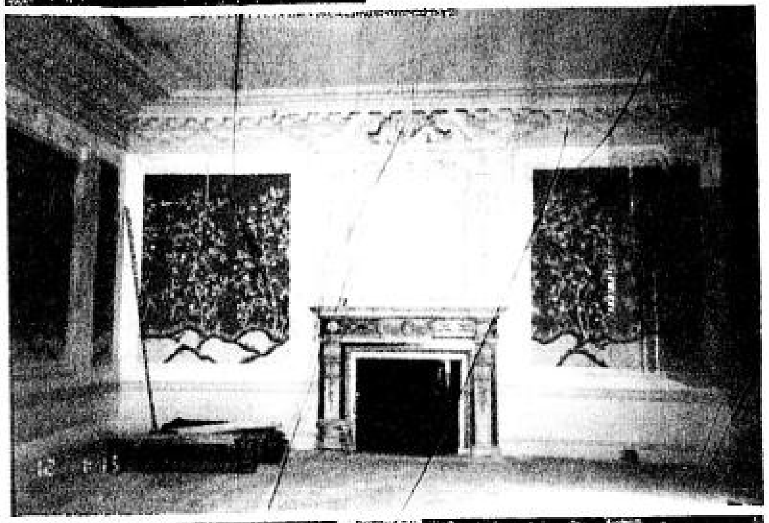


DETAIL of wallpaper in the living room showing water stains.

BEFORE. The living room with water-damaged walls, plaster ceiling and moulding due to poor design of previous renovations and lack of maintenance



THE LIVING room after the renovation

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A Philippine property in New York is rescued from neglect and decay to become a fitting residence for our UN envoy and a showcase of Philippine culture and refinement

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alarm system had to be installed. There were a number of other requirements by the Landmarks Preservation Commission and various New York City building codes.

Structural work

The objective of the restoration was to keep the integrity of the building intact while adding modern facilities such as the air conditioning, ventilation and security systems. With the help of lawyer Manuel Teehankee, we found the architectural drawings of 1916 with the original layout of the rooms.

We returned the formal dining room to the ground floor and the main living room to the second floor. The library, which had been converted into a bedroom during Ambassador Teehankee's time, returned to its original purpose. The study, however, which had been converted into a bathroom and dressing room, remained as such. It is now used as a magnificent guest bathroom.

The marble floors were sanded and polished to reveal the different kinds of marble used and the bronze inlay found notably at the entrance to No. 13. The intricate moldings in several rooms had been badly damaged, but enough remained to allow us to make a mold of the original and replicate it. The magnificent staircase and the

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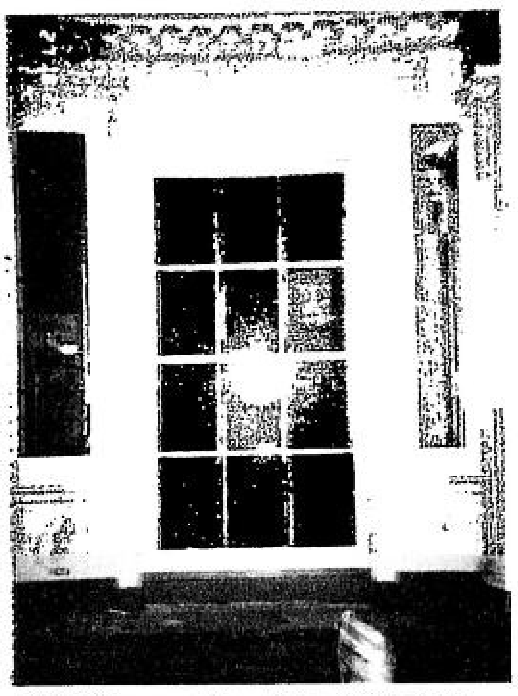
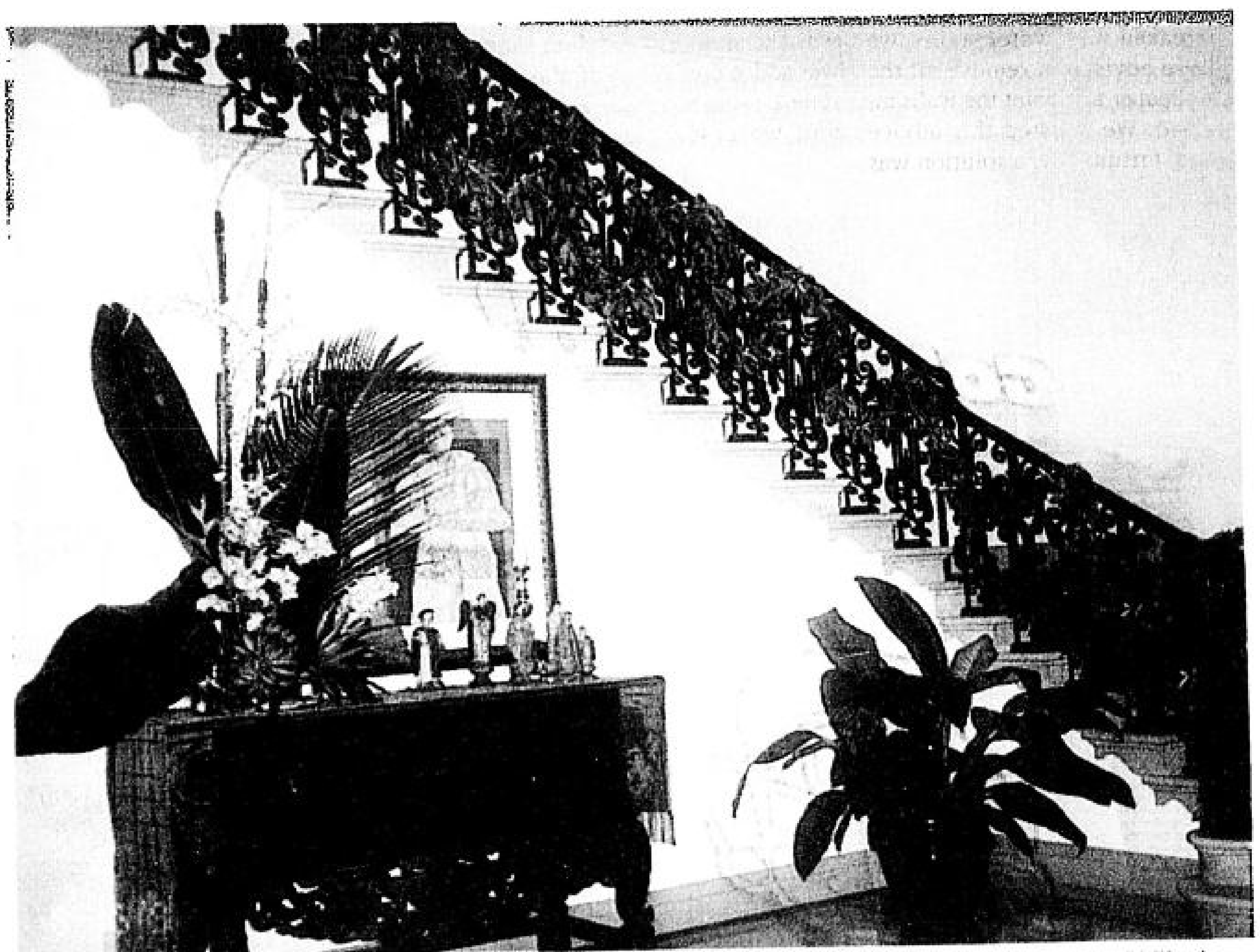
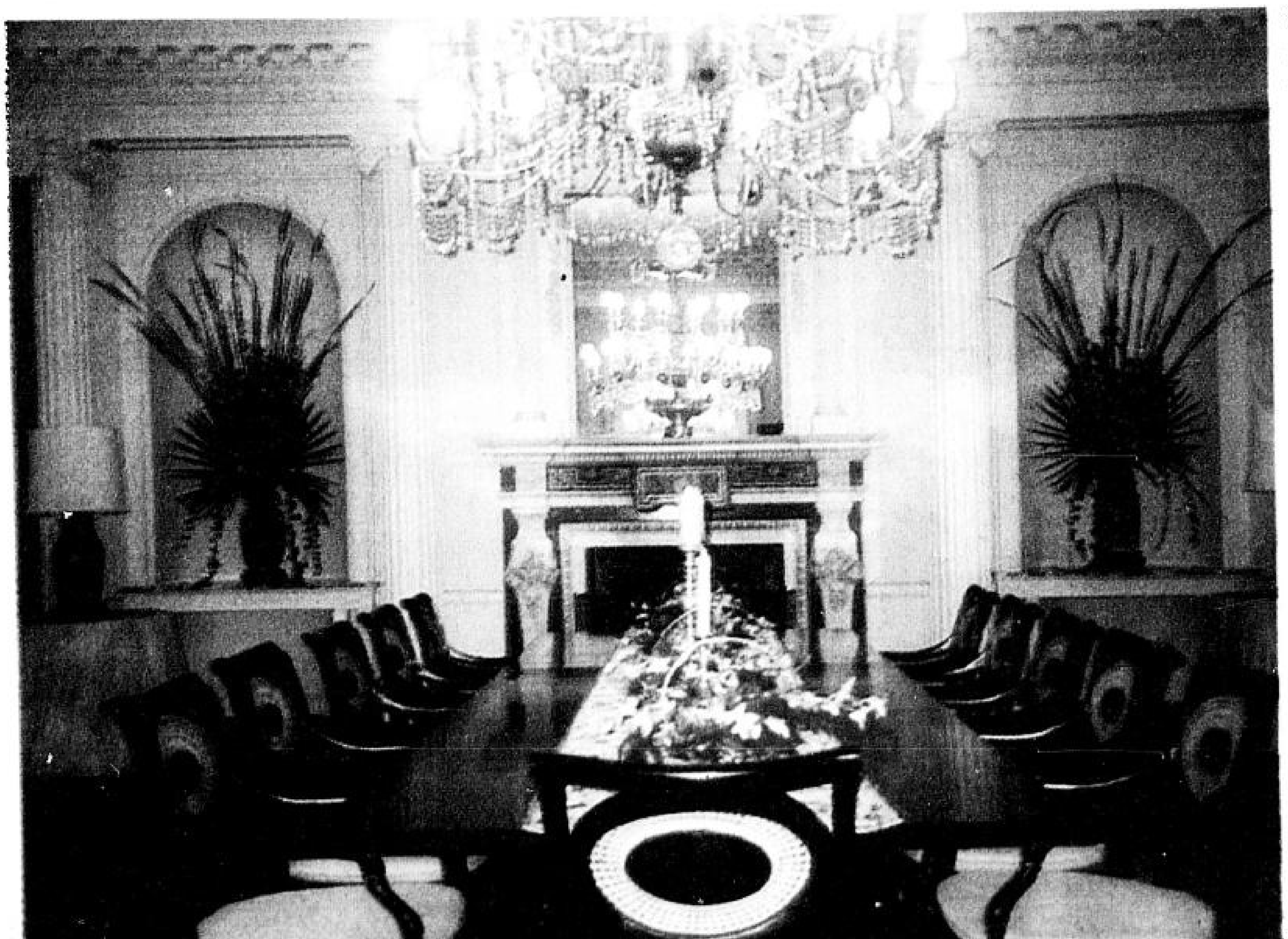


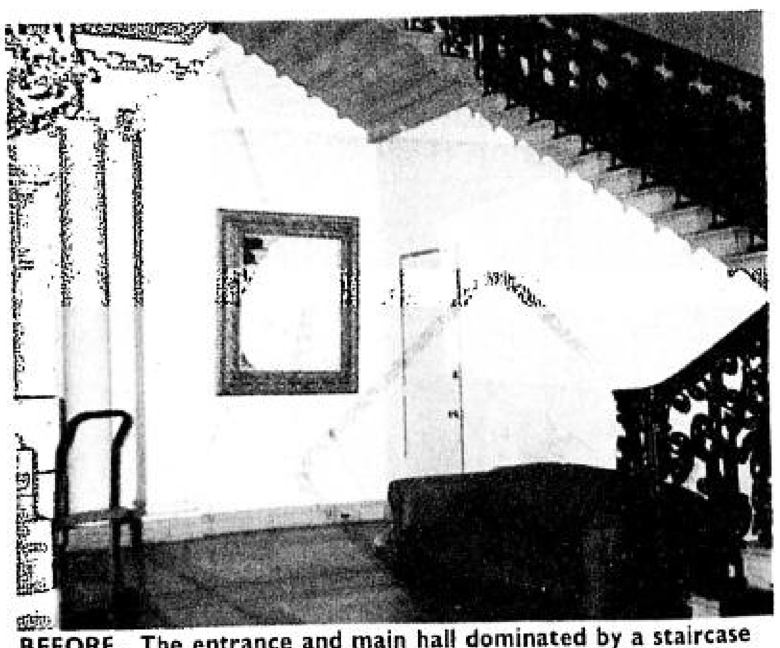
DURING renovation of the dining room, which is located on the first floor.



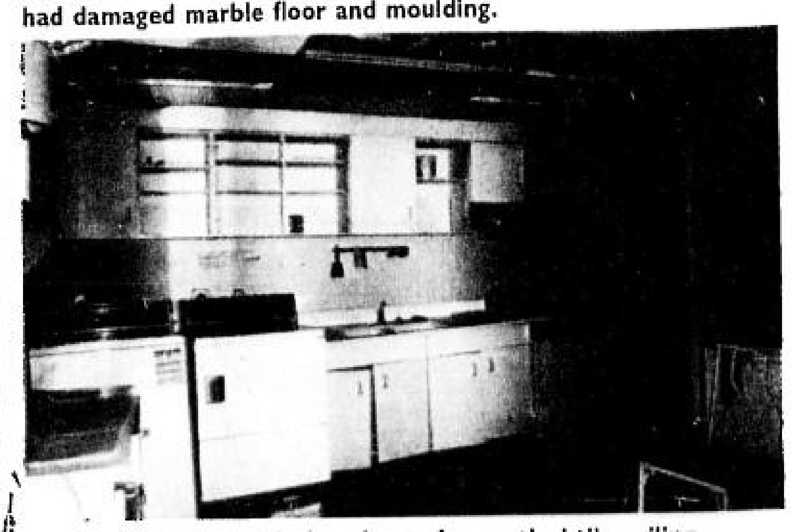
AFTER. The entrance with now-grand-again staircase and polished marble floor is a showcase for Philippine art and furniture.



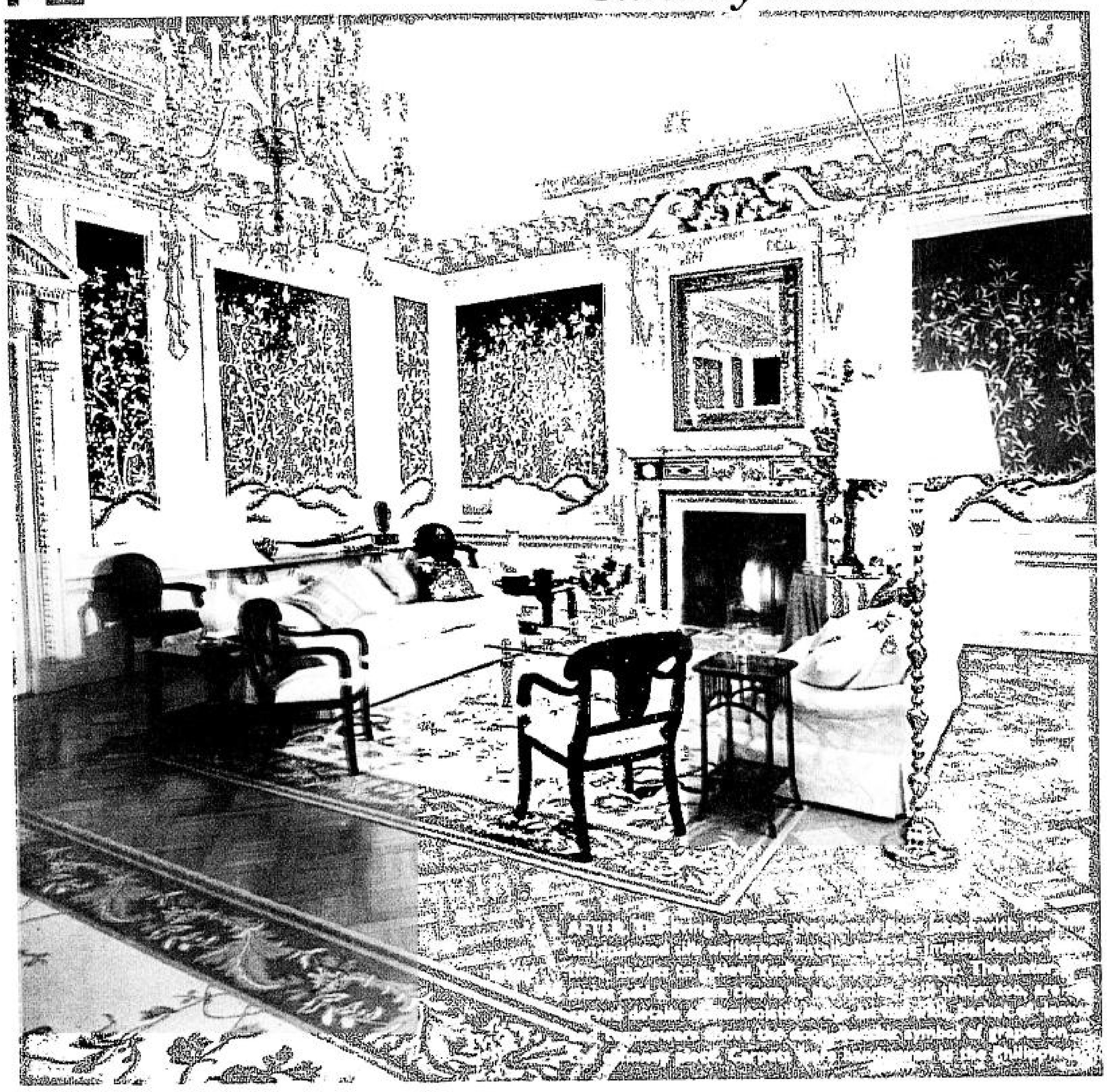
AFTER. The dining room with its most striking feature, the chandelier, which was almost thrown away because it had rusted and darkened but was restored beautifully by a "chandelier doctor" from Brooklyn.

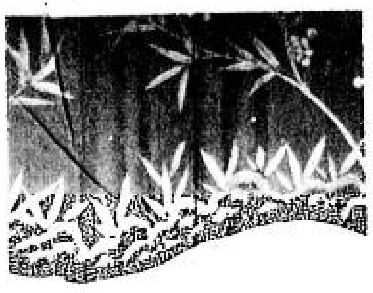


BEFORE. The entrance and main hall dominated by a staircase had damaged marble floor and moulding.



BEFORE. Kitchen with deteriorated acoustical tile ceiling





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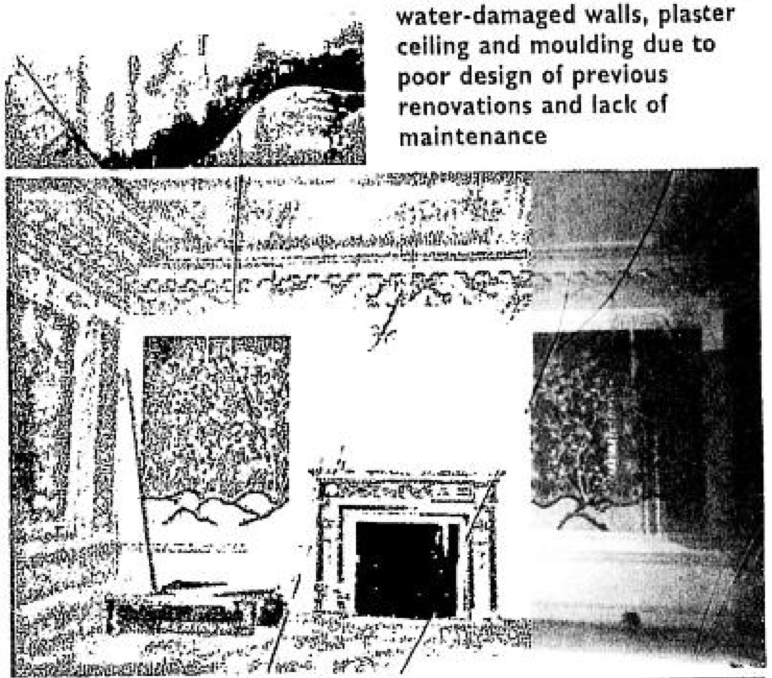

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THE LIVING room after the renovation

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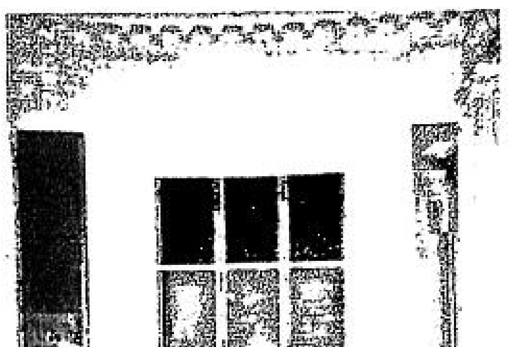

DURING renovation of the dining room, which is located on the first floor.

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alarm system had to be installed. There were a number of other requirements by the Landmarks Preservation Commission and various New York City building codes.

Structural work

The objective of the restoration was to keep the integrity of the building intact while adding modern facilities such as the air conditioning, ventilation and security systems. With the help of lawyer Manuel Teehankee, we found the architectural drawings of 1916 with the original layout of the rooms.

We returned the formal dining room to the ground floor and the main living room to the second floor. The library, which had been converted into a bedroom during Ambassador Teehankee's time, returned to its original purpose. The study, however, which had been converted into a bathroom and dressing room, remained as such. It is now used as a magnificent guest bathroom.

The marble floors were sanded and polished to reveal the different kinds of marble used and the bronze inlay found notably at the entrance to No. 13. The intricate moldings in several rooms had been badly damaged, but enough remained to allow us to make a mold of the original and replicate it. The magnificent staircase and the

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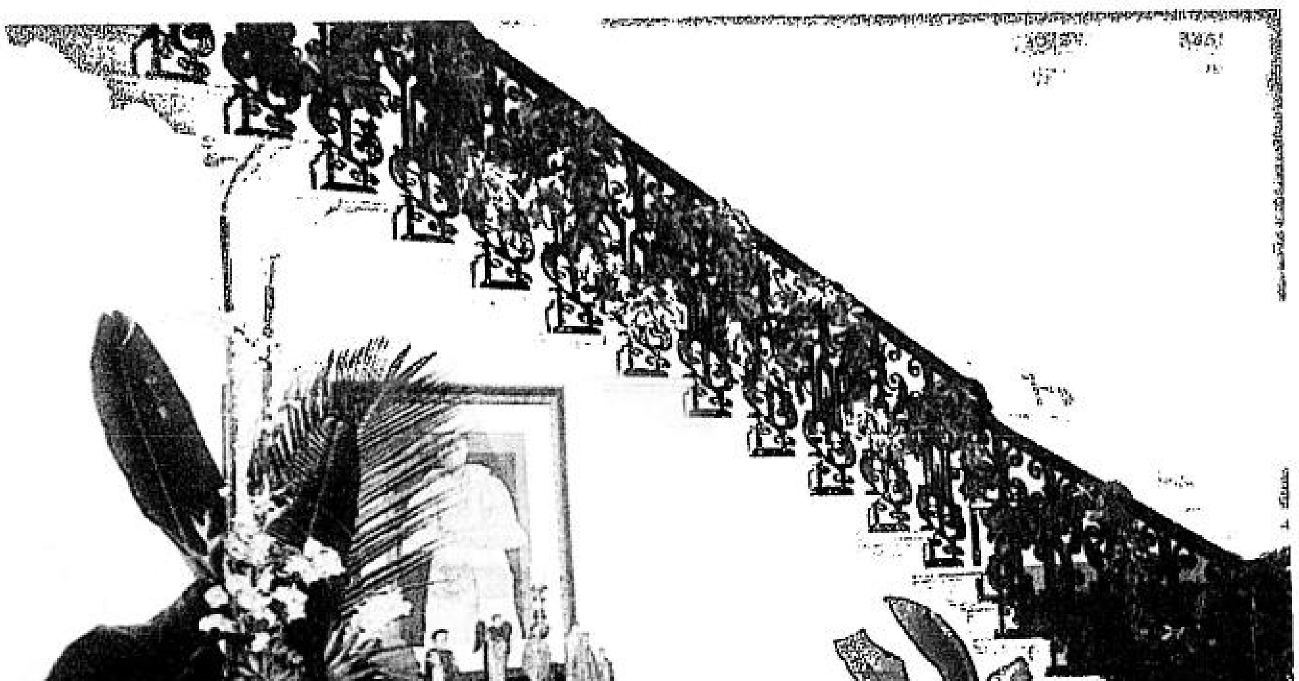
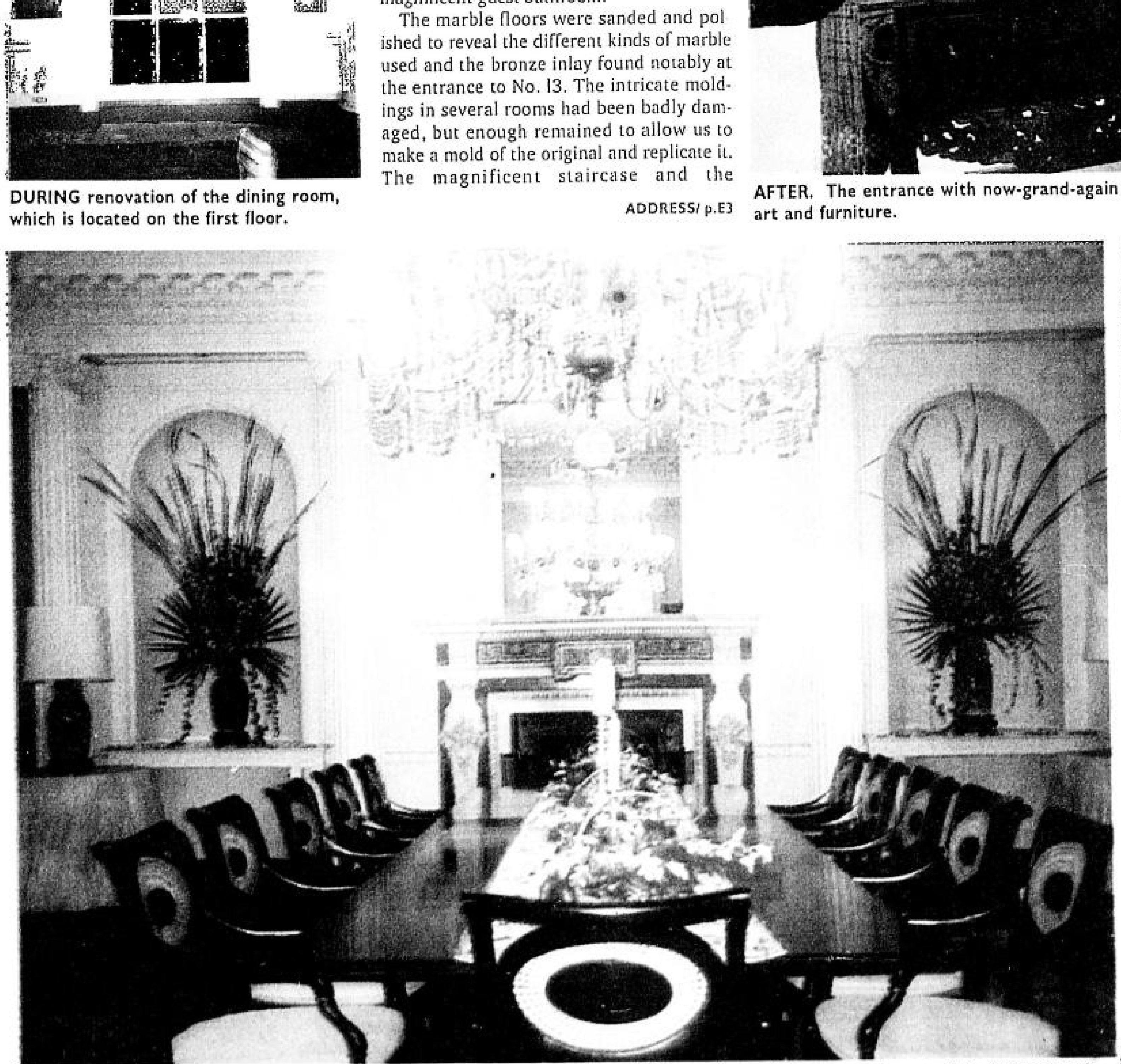
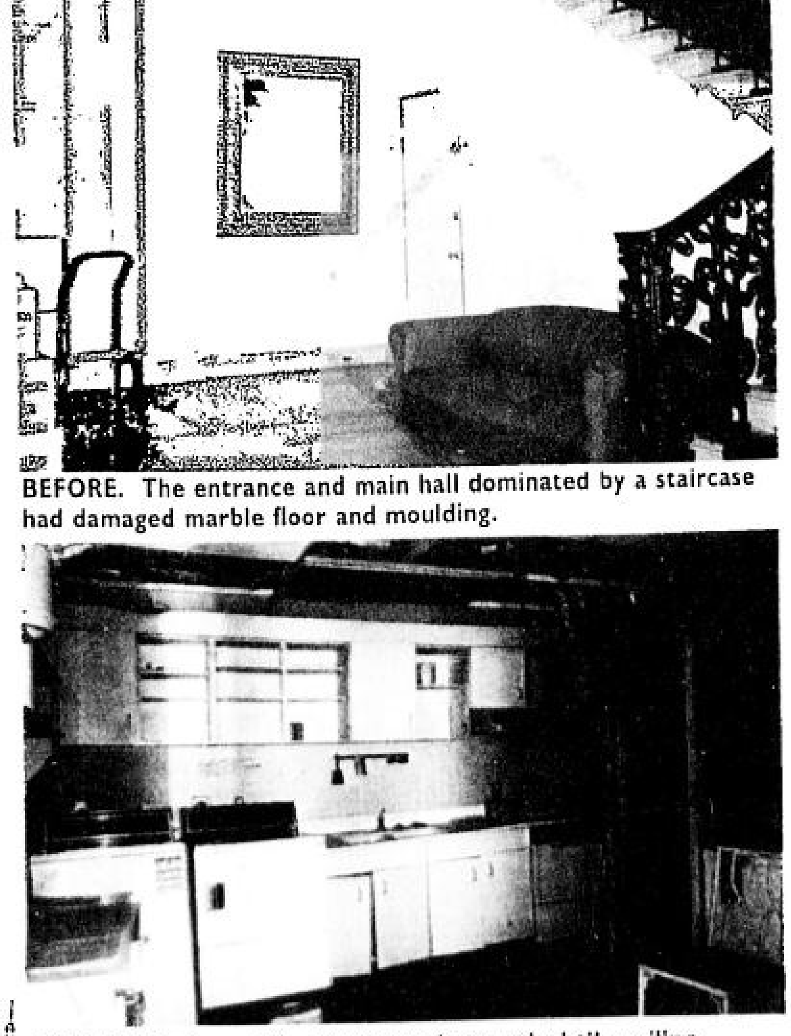


AFTER. The entrance with now-grand-again staircase and polished marble floor is a showcase for Philippine art and furniture.



AFTER. The dining room with its most striking feature, the chandelier, which was almost thrown away because it had rusted and darkened but was restored beautifully by a "chandelier doctor" from Brooklyn.

BEFORE. The entrance and main hall dominated by a staircase had damaged marble floor and moulding.



BEFORE. Kitchen with deteriorated acoustical tile ceiling

DETERIORATED wooden stairs at rear yard leading to cellar

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vaulted ceiling in the main marble hall, the beautiful grill work, carved decorations, as well as the chimneys and mantle pieces have all been cleaned and returned to their former glory.

A section of the living room wall was needed for the ventilation system, which would require removal of the hand-painted silk wallpaper. Since some portions of the wallpaper were already streaked with water stains, we were advised to remove all the wallpaper and paint the walls instead. We resisted this advice and, fortunately, a solution was found so that only a small portion of the wallpaper had to be sacrificed. We found a specialist who restored one of the panels. However, due to the high cost of restoration, we had to postpone work on the rest of the room. The water stains are still there but, in a sense, they add a certain charm to the room.

One portion of the building we were not able to save, however, was the sixth floor atrium that was added during Imelda Marcos' time. It was a major cause of leaks and water damage and had

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More about the restored English Renaissance townhouse

VIEW of the building's facade

- The original owner, New York banker Harris Fahnestock, bought two existing townhouses at 13 and 15 East 66th Street. The two townhouses were torn down.

- Hoppen and Koen designed the present building in the Palladian style and completed construction of the townhouse in 1918.

- After Fahnestock died in 1939, the house was sold to Hagop Kevorkian, an art collector and real estate investor who converted it to a multiple dwelling.

- The Philippine government purchased it in 1960 for the whopping sum of $350,000 from proceeds of the sale of a house it owned in White Plains, NY, which had been used as the residence of the Philippine Permanent Representative to the UN.

- The Philippine Mission to the United Nations and the Philippine Consulate General transferred to the townhouse in 1960. Both offices moved to the Philippine Center on Fifth Avenue in 1974 while the townhouse stood empty pending its sale.

- The townhouse was used as a venue in 1980-81 for the Kips Bay Decorator's Show leading interior designers in New York held for two weeks every spring.

- In 1981, then First Lady Imelda Marcos refurbished it for her use on her New York visits. Jorge Ramos was architect and interior designer for the renovation of the building. Once again it reverted to use as a single-family dwelling.

- An atrium and a disco were installed on the sixth floor.

- The hand-painted wallpaper on the second floor living room was installed at this time as well as the terracotta Roman bust made by the noted 16th-century Italian sculptor, Andrea della Robbia.

- In 1982 Ms Marcos purchased the Samuels Collection of 18th century European antiques, chandeliers and furniture. She placed these in the townhouse together with her collection of paintings by European Masters like El Greco, Rembrandt, Monet, Renoir, among others. She also purchased antique Oriental carpets to go with the furnishings.

- Ms Marcos hosted many parties in the townhouse, with celebrities such as Van Cliburn, George Hamilton and Ms Henry Ford II as frequent houseguests. Others, such as the King of Morocco and Adnan Kashoggi, were honorees at her famous dinners.

- After the 1986 People Power when the Consulate General took possession of the townhouse, none of the valuable paintings, antiques, carpets, etc. were found. The Philippine Commission on Good Government (PCGG) auctioned what had been left in the house—the pianos, furniture, bibelots that were of lesser value. Only the chandeliers from the Samuels Collection, the handpainted wallpaper and the della Robbia bust were kept.

- To meet the requirements of the insurance company, the Philippine Center management board authorized its guards and maintenance personnel to live in the townhouse to oversee and make emergency repairs. Because of poor maintenance and lack of funds, the building slowly fell into disrepair.

- In 1988, the newly appointed Philippine Permanent Representative to the UN Claudio Teehankee lived in the townhouse. His successor in 1990, Ambassador Sedfrey Ordonez also resided in the slowly deteriorating townhouse. All that time, the four upper floors of the townhouse continued to be occupied by the guards and maintenance personnel of PCMB and their families. They used a separate entrance at 13 East 66th Street.

- By the time Ambassador Narcisa Escaler assumed her post in mid-1992, the townhouse was declared unfit for habitation and there was talk of putting it up for sale.

- When Ambassador Felipe Mabilangan became Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations in 1994, it became his responsibility to see to the renovation of the townhouse.

- Crucial to saving the Townhouse were the foresight and support of then Pres. Fidel V. Ramos and Secretary of Foreign Affairs Roberto R. Romulo, who found the funds for the restoration and worked for its transfer to the jurisdiction of the Department of Foreign Affairs. The restoration had the complete support of the Home Office—first, under Sec. Romulo and later, under Sec. Domingo Siazon Jr. Without them the work would not have been possible.

- The townhouse is in Upper East Side Historic District, which is one of New York City's largest landmark districts and stretches along Fifth Avenue from 59th to 78th Street, and at certain points, as far east as Third Avenue.

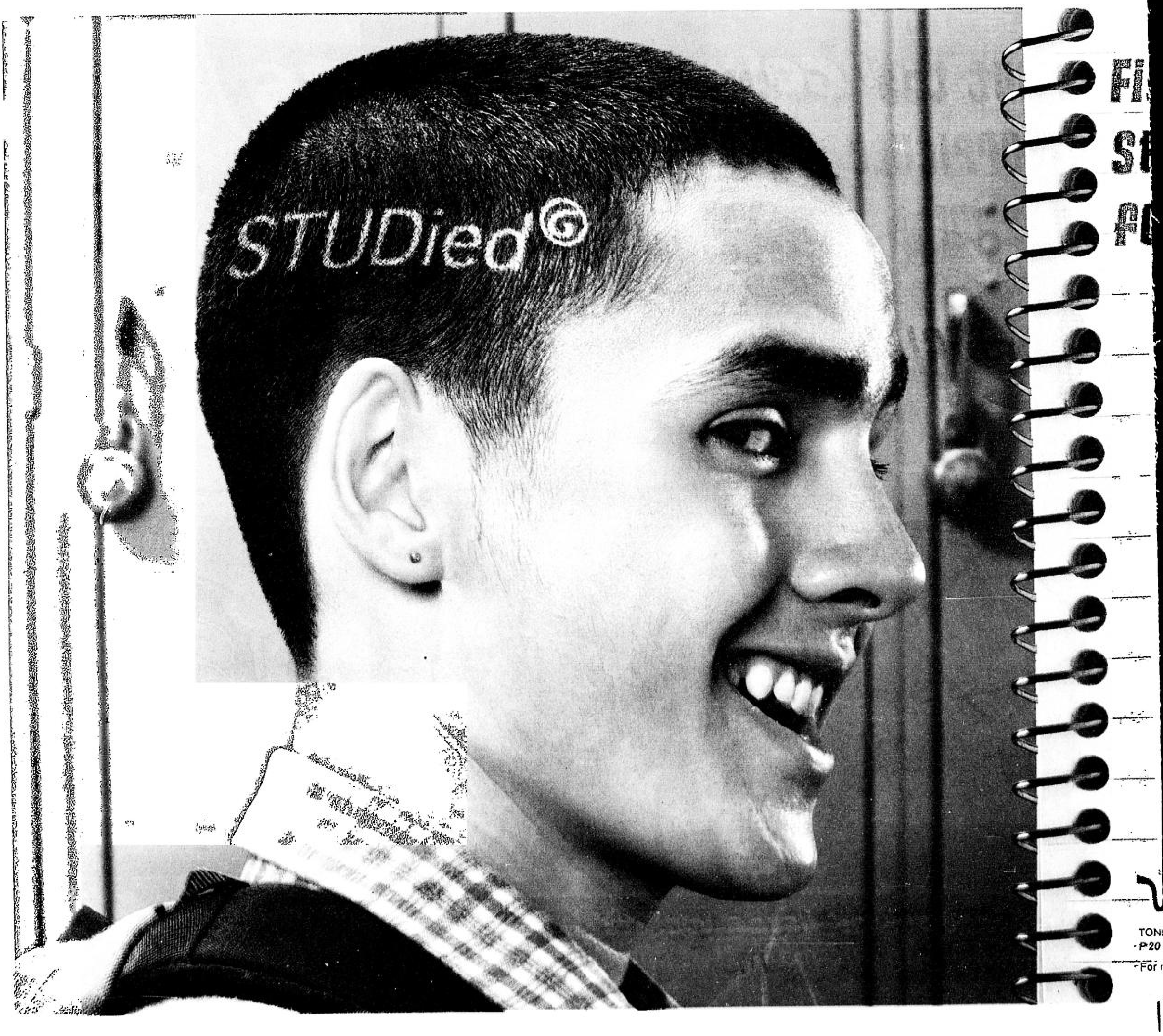
- Because the townhouse is within a designated historic site, all alterations to the exterior of the building as well as interiors visible from the outside required the permission of the Landmarks Preservation Commission of NY City.

- Right next door to it, at 17 E. 66th St. is the residence of the Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the UN, while two houses away, at 9 E. 66th, the former Scribner mansion is now the Polish Permanent Mission to the UN.

- It took 2-½ years of structural and interior work before the Mabilangans could finally move into the townhouse.

- Ambassador Mabilangan was elected in 2000 to the UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for a three-year term. He assumed this position immediately after his retirement from the Philippine Foreign Service in February 2001. He and his wife have moved to their own place,

- The new Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Alfonso Yuchengco now resides in the townhouse. He has made a few minor changes. The basement entertainment area, for example, has been converted into an independent apartment. He recently hosted a dinner-concert there with pianists Nena Villanueva and Bonnie Armacost and singer Margarita Gomez.



Q & A on NGOs

WHAT is an NGO?

An NGO (non-governmental organization) is a private, non-stock and non-profit organization formed to provide welfare and development services to the poor and other marginalized sectors of the society.

What are the defining features of an NGO?

NGOs are: (1) private (they are institutionally separate from government); (2) non-stock and non-profit (they do not have stockholders and do not provide services to individuals or organizations for financial gain); (3) voluntary (they benefit from some degree of voluntary participation); and (4) non-membership-based (they do not derive financial or operational support from members, but are run on contributions or earned income by paid staff or volunteers). Examples of these are the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, Bantay Kalikasan, Norfil Foundation, Philippine Business for Social Progress, and the Save the Children Fund.

What is the difference between an NGO and a non-profit organization (NPO)?

An NGO is actually a type of non-profit organization (NPO). NPOs encompass all varieties of private, non-profit and voluntary organizations that are involved in socioeconomic development. Aside from NGOs, NPOs also include church groups, people's organizations (POs), citizens associations, cooperatives and foundations. Examples of non-profit organizations that are *not* NGOs are the Knights of Columbus, the Federation of Free Workers, the different Rotary clubs, the Medical Mission Group Hospital and Health Services Cooperative, and the Ayala Foundation.

What is the difference between an NGO and a people's organization (PO)?

Like NGOs, POs are non-profit organizations with identifiable leaderships and structures. Unlike NGOs, however, POs are membership-based, largely voluntary organizations that operate at the grass-roots level. They are usually local associations of citizens that promote their members' interests, i.e., farmers' organizations, trade unions, cooperatives, etc. NGOs, on the other hand, tend to operate with a hired staff, can be foreign as well as local, and are established primarily to serve the needs of a particular sector, i.e., street children, indigenous groups, AIDS victims, etc.

What is the difference between an NGO and an informal association?

Like NGOs, informal associations are organizations set up to promote a particular purpose or cause. Unlike NGOs, however, and similar to POs, informal associations are non-registered and membership-based organizations, such as the typical homeowners' association.

What roles do NGOs play in society?

NGOs exist primarily to provide service. They champion a wide variety of diverse causes, from preserving the environment and helping the indigent, to fostering the arts and furthering education and research. The services that NGOs provide can be direct, i.e., implementing development programs for the poor; or indirect, i.e., helping other NGOs improve their ability to carry out their missions by providing training and technical assistance and conducting research. Aside from carrying out their various services, NGOs play a political role as well: they take up the causes of the marginalized and under-represented sectors; they help police the electoral process; and they assist local governments in planning and implementing their programs and projects.

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How did NGOs develop in Philippine society?

According to Maria Lourdes F. Melegrito and Diana J. Mendoza, authors of an article published in the book "Politics and Governance: Theory and Practice in the Philippine Context" (Political Science Department, Ateneo de Manila University), NGOs first began to proliferate in the Philippines during the 1960s, and continued to flourish through the '70s and the '80s. During this time, the inability of the state and the market to address the country's deteriorating socio-economic condition prompted the private sector to take action. At the same time, international events such as the global debt crisis of the 1980s and the ensuing series of economic, political and natural disasters resulted in greater demand for NGO services. Finally, the 1980s witnessed the increasing preference of official aid institutions to deal with NGOs directly, instead of going through inefficient and ineffective governments. All these factors have contributed to the present diversity and number of NGOs in the Philippines today.

How many NGOs are there in the Philippines today?

It is extremely difficult, if not altogether impossible, to determine the exact number of NGOs operating in the country today. This is because the constitutionally mandated status of NGOs in the Philippines means that they do not need to be registered to exist and function. Without mandatory registration, it is difficult to keep track of the number of NGOs in existence. Official estimates, however, place the figure at around 60,000 (though more contemporary approximations claim that it may actually be anywhere between 240,000 to 320,000).

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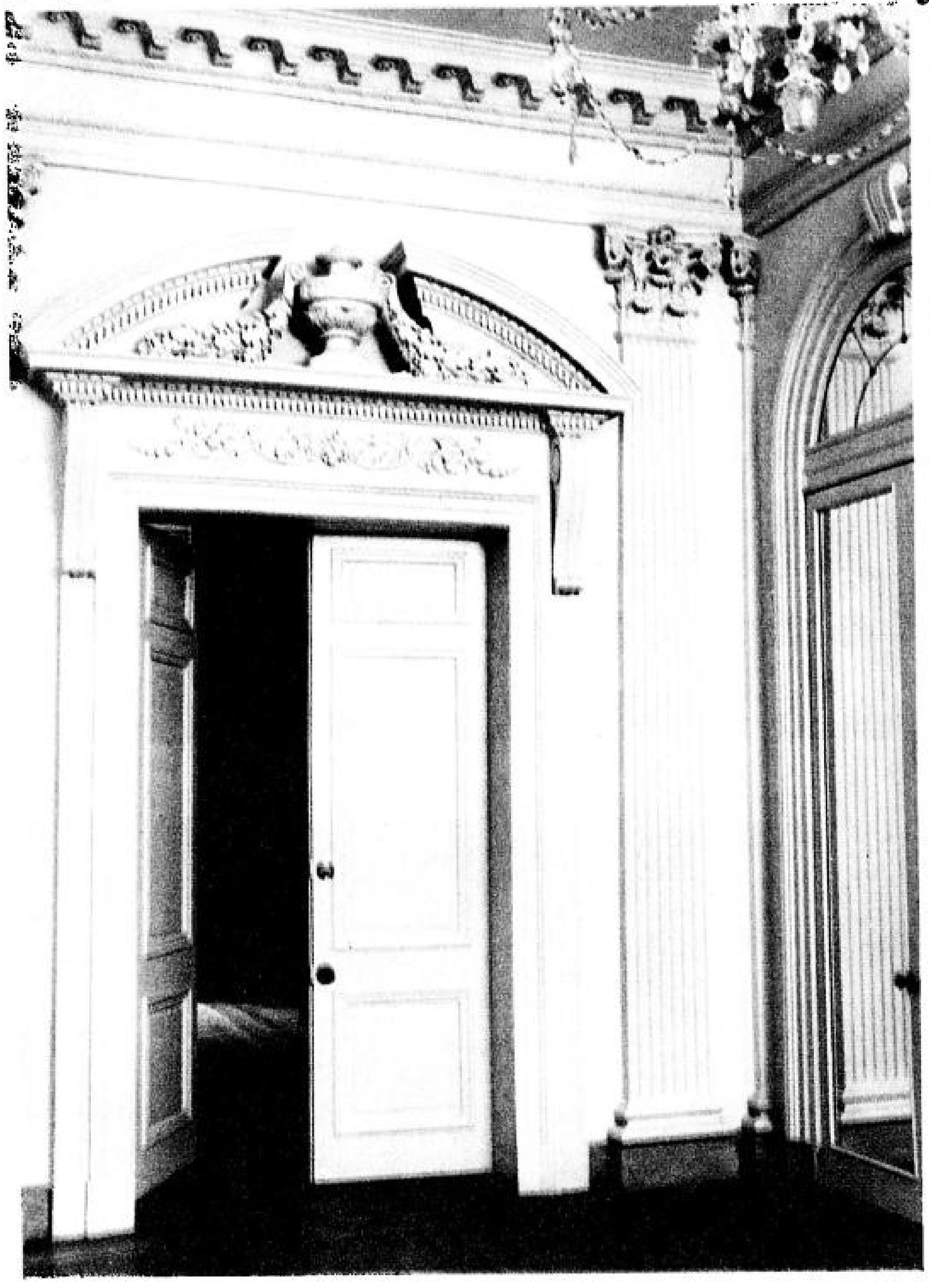
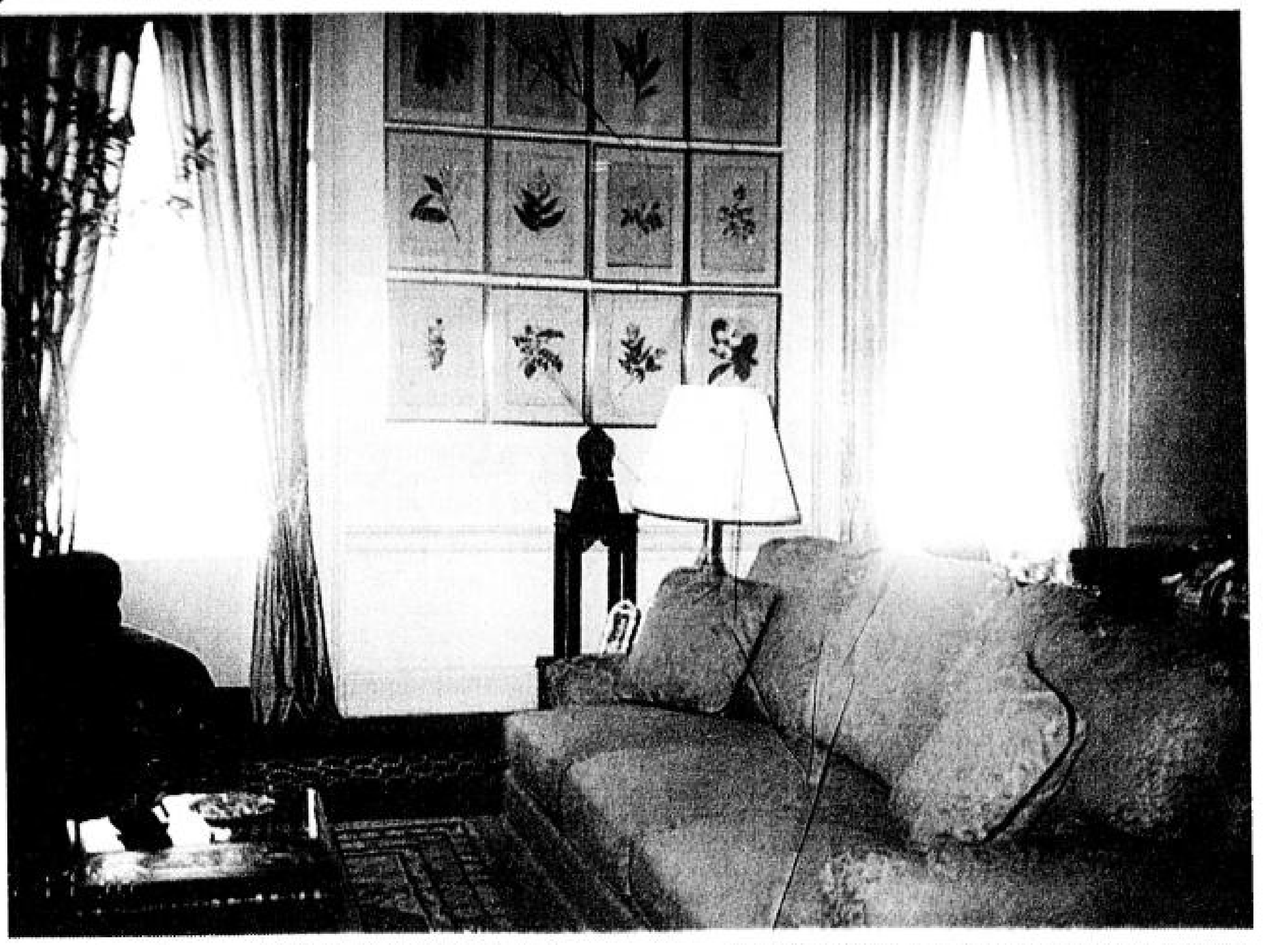
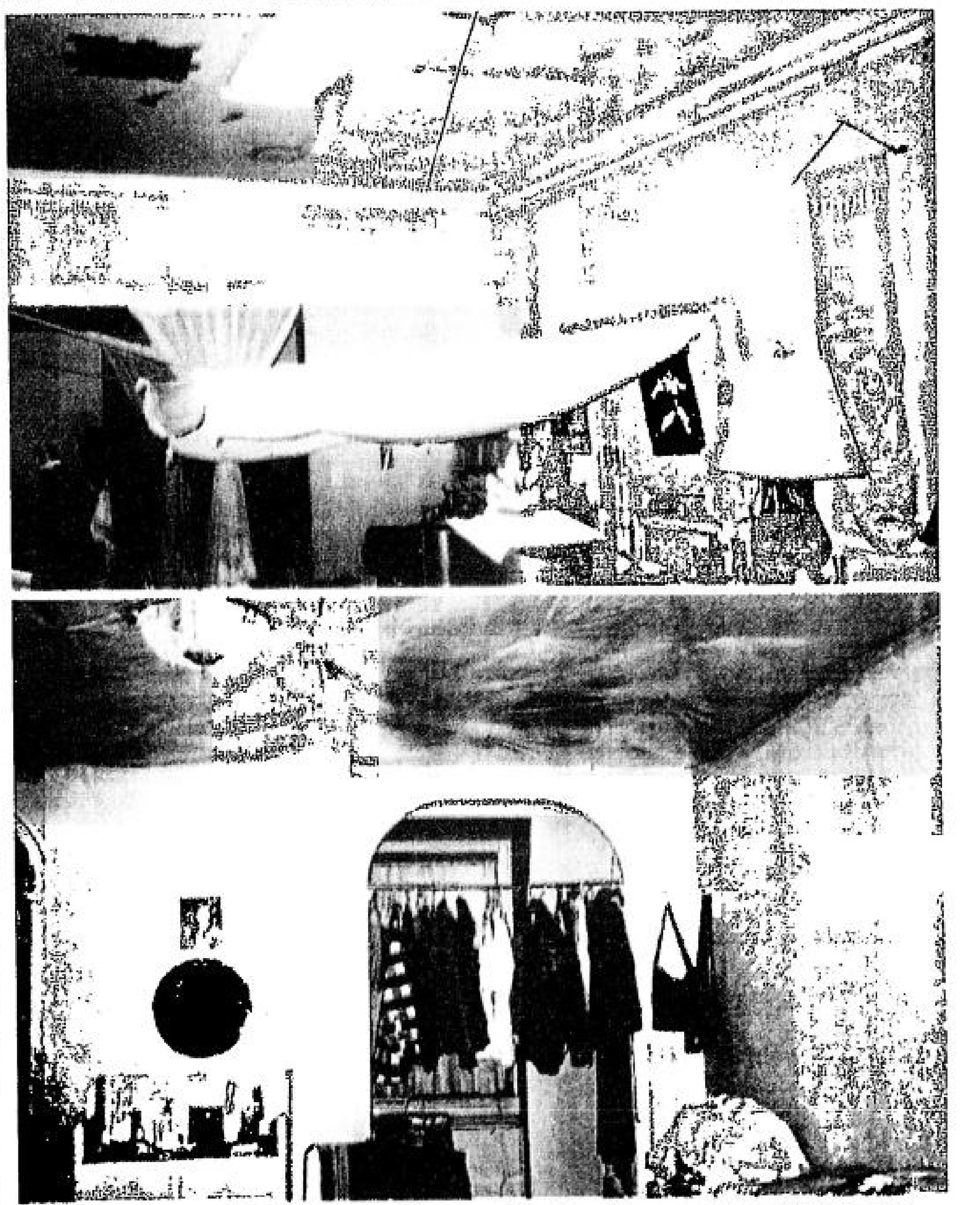




LIBRARY on the second floor, which had been converted into a bedroom during Ambassador Teehankee's time, was returned to its original purpose after structural and interior work.

DOORWAY to the library after restoration



SECURITY personnel of the Philippine Center and their families were allowed to live in the upper floors of the townhouse while it was waiting tobe sold. Plastic sheets covered deteriorated plaster ceiling in one of the upper floor bedrooms before renovation.

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to be dismantled. The floor and wall tiles in the patio, also badly damaged, had to be replaced.

Dual purpose

My main contribution to the restoration was the work done on the interiors. As a graduate of the New York School of Interior Design, I had the qualification to undertake this daunting task. I was also able to tap into resources in New York which were available only to designers.

In 1979 when my husband was Philippine ambassador to France, I undertook the interior decoration of our official residence in Paris. I did the same in Beijing, China, when he was posted there in 1989. I was conversant with the peculiar needs of an ambassador's residence and aware of its importance in projecting the image of the country.

The townhouse would serve a dual purpose—as a venue for the official entertaining of the ambassador as well as a home for him and his family. To achieve this, the first and second floors were designated as "state rooms" to be used for official functions. They were ideal for large receptions and parties, as well as for breakfast meetings, formal luncheons and dinners.

I kept the private quarters separate on the third floor. Like a normal New York apartment, it comprised a master's suite, two bedrooms, a kitchenette and a small dining area. The basement was used to house the staff as well as an informal living/dining area leading to the patio.

The rooms were so well-proportioned and had such beautiful moldings and detailings that I decided to keep the colors as muted as possible so that their inherent qualities would shine. I chose neutral colors for all the rooms so that furniture and accessories of subsequent ambassadors would bring with them would fit in with any of the rooms.

Tribute

With our limited resources, we had to make use of every scrap of furniture found in the townhouse. I had old sofas re-upholstered and re-stuffed, and tables cleaned and repainted. New curtains were installed to give the rooms a fresh look. Fortunately, the handpainted silk wallpaper, the beautiful chandeliers from the Samuels Collection and the Roman bust in terra cotta by della Robbia added greatly to the character of the house. There were also some furniture purchased for the townhouse by Ambassador Teehankee. They were chosen by Pilar Teehankee and were well made and of good design. I am extremely grateful for her excellent taste.

One of the first things I did was to design and order carpets for the living room, dining room and the grand staircase. Thanks to Mr. P.L. Lim, chairman of Tai Ping Rugs, I was given access to the design library of their office in New York. The carpets were handwoven in the Philippines to my specifications. They have been a source of pride for us, showing off to foreign dignitaries the finest of Philippine crafts.

I transformed the basement into a "Philippine room" with furniture from Cebu. Through the kindness of Manuel Dizon, president of Whitecraft Furniture, I was able to visit his factories in Cebu and choose pieces for the house. These were then finished and upholstered in Miami, Florida, before being shipped to New York. They stand as examples of the finest in Philippine craftsmanship.

I used many of our own furniture throughout the house as well as our personal collection of Philippine paintings, Chinese antique furniture and ceramics, and Oriental carpets. One source of pride is the large tapestry hanging along the staircase which came from the collection of the late Wili Fernandez and given to me by his widow, Doreen Fernandez, who herself passed away recently. It is an antique cutout, called "Luhol," made by the Samal of Tawi-tawi. Two antique blankets made by the Tinggian of Abra in dark blue and gray, and mounted on stretchers, hang like paintings and look very much like the op-art work of the Swiss painter Vasarely. I have tried to present the best of Philippine arts and crafts in the house as well as our cuisine and culture. Within such a beautiful setting, this has been an easy task.

Working on this project has been a source of great joy for me. It has not been without frustrations and hard work, but overall it has been extremely gratifying. It has been a privilege to restore such a beautiful building and to make it alive and vibrant once again. In a small way we believe we have brought dignity and pride to the ambassador's residence, and honor to the country.

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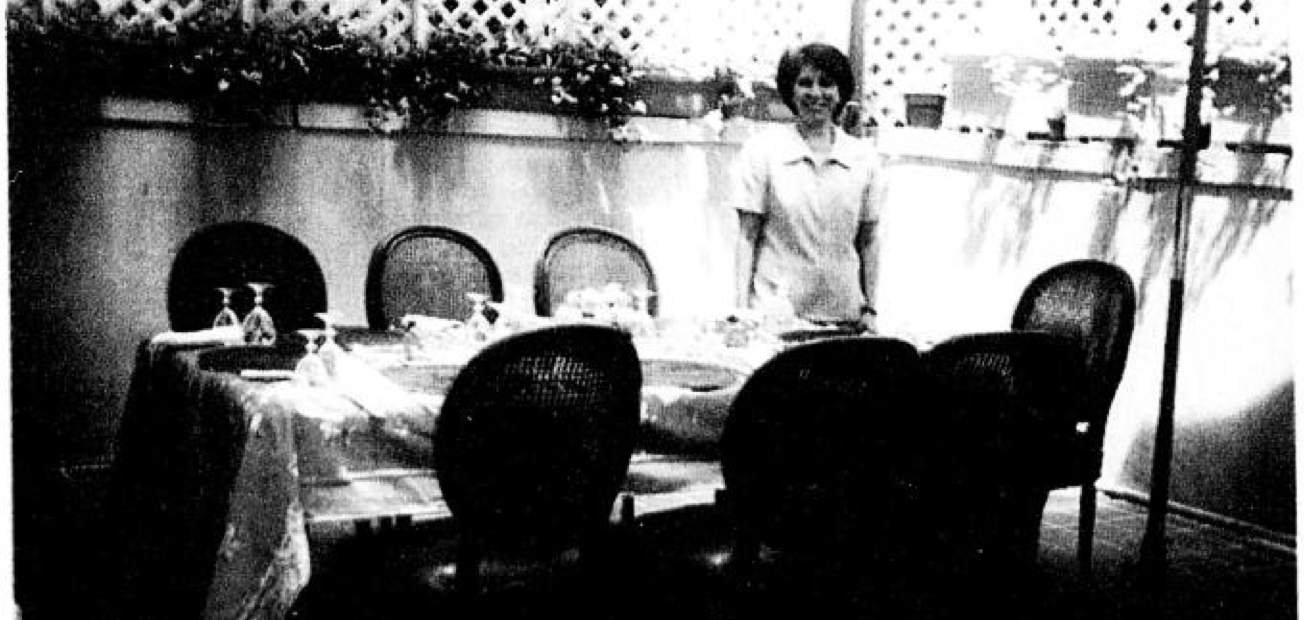
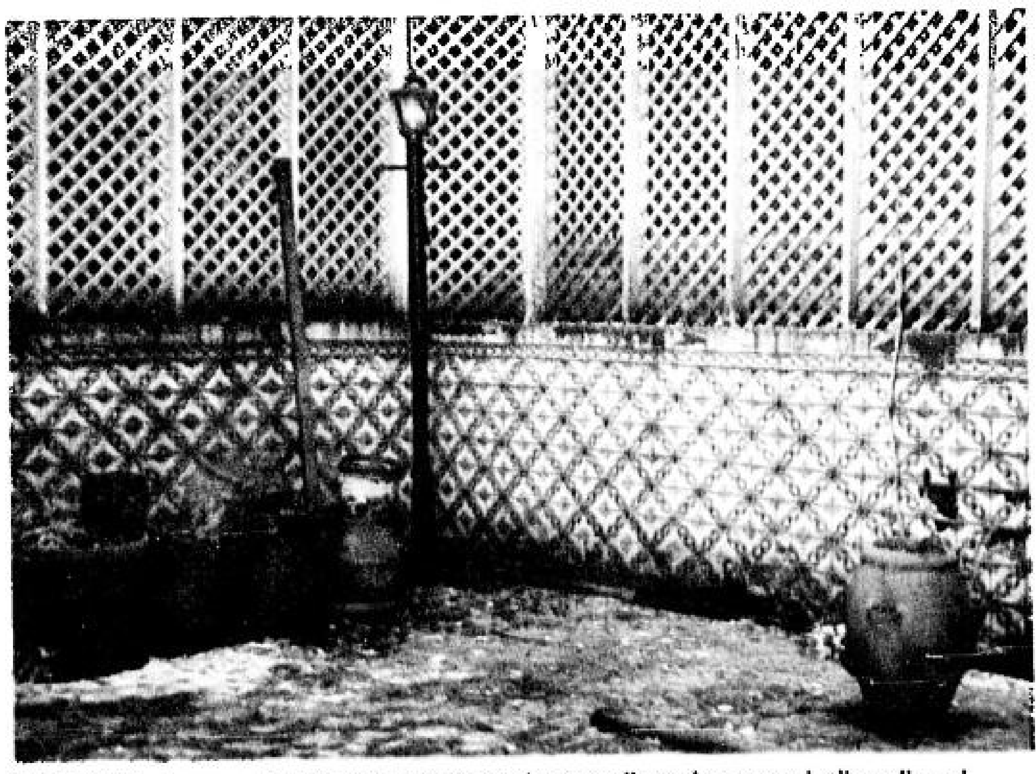
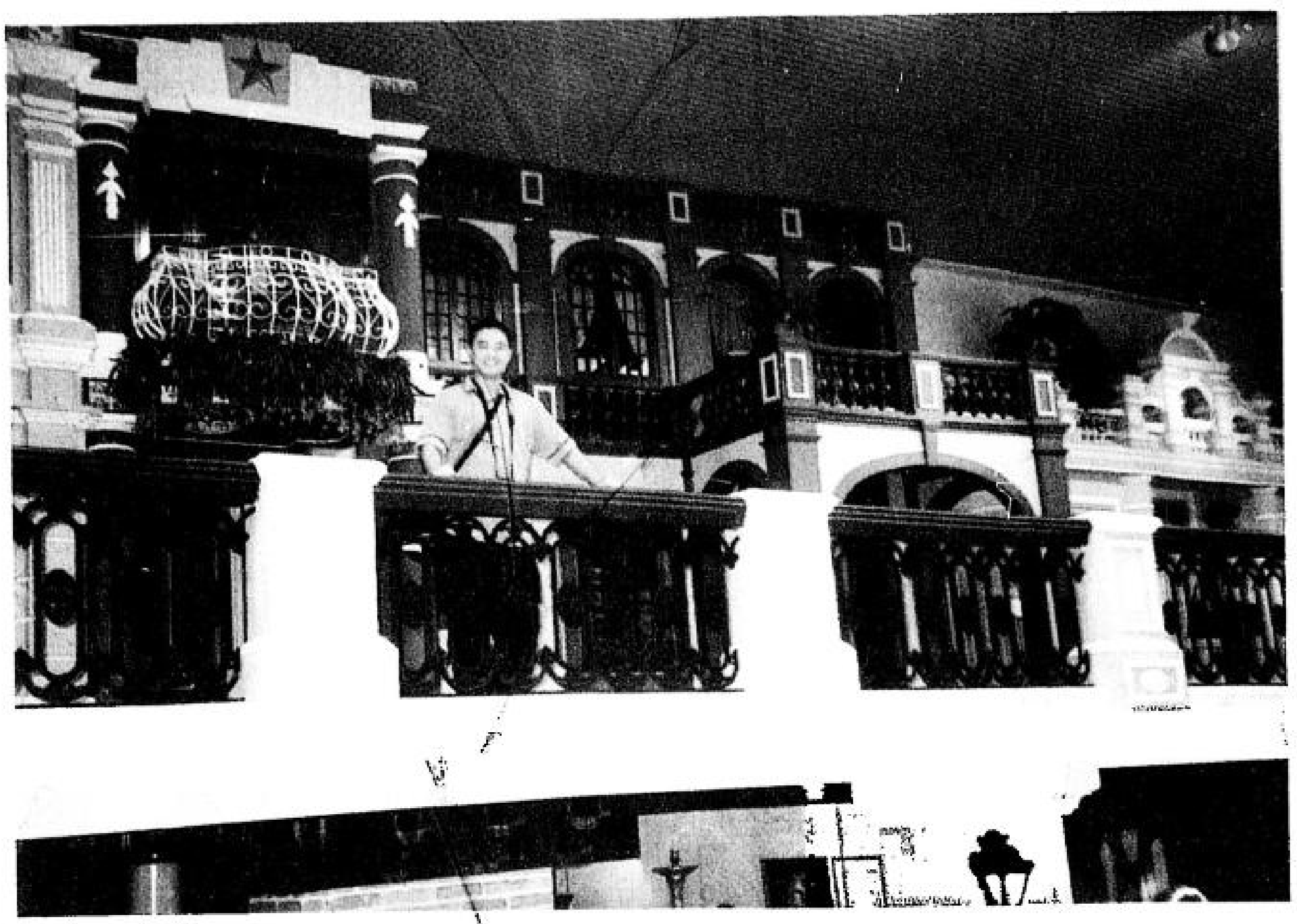
TYPICAL deteriorated window at rear facade



THE REPAIRED patio now sporting trellis and garden. It became the author's favorite place. "Imagine, to have a little garden in New York—it's such a luxury. Everybody loved the patio—we would have barbecues there and tables with umbrellas when we entertained."



BEFORE. The basement patio with deteriorated quarry tile paving, ceramic tile walls and lattice fence



REGIONAL manager Muvien Amponin at the Macau Museum

VELVET Bautista, Arlet Garcia-Dizon (outbound tours supervisor of Sharp Travel Service Phils.), Evangeline Magcalas (Philam Plans marketing services department), Gigi Rey-Enorme (assistant vice president, Philam Plans' marketing services department), Myrna Rodriguez (regional manager) and Roland Ramos take a breather from shopping at the Pearl Shopping Center in Zhuhai, China.

From insurance sellers to Globetrotters

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multiple qualification, making these incentive treats the ideal vacation for their families. If they're not available for the trip, they can ask other family members to join the tour instead.

The company's top sales producers have been to Gold Coast in Australia, Beijing, Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Aside from shopping galore and gastronomic delights, this year's Philam's jetsetters, together with Cisco Tang (tour guide of Estoril Tour, which has offices in Macau and Hong Kong), also enjoyed Macau's sights like St. Francis Xavier Church, Lord Stowe's Bakery, the Portuguese House Museum, Penha Hill, Penha Chapel, A-Ma Temple, Maritime Museum, Macau Museum, and the Ruins of St. Paul. In Zhuhai, China, the group went to Ba-Lane-Dong, The Lover's Lane, Statue of Lady of Pearl, Pearl Shopping Center, Lotus Street and New Yuan Ming Palace.

Indeed, Philam Plans' perks and rewards for its sales force make one big, attractive package. But helping fellow Filipinos plan for their future is what makes the difficulties truly worthwhile for a sales counselor.

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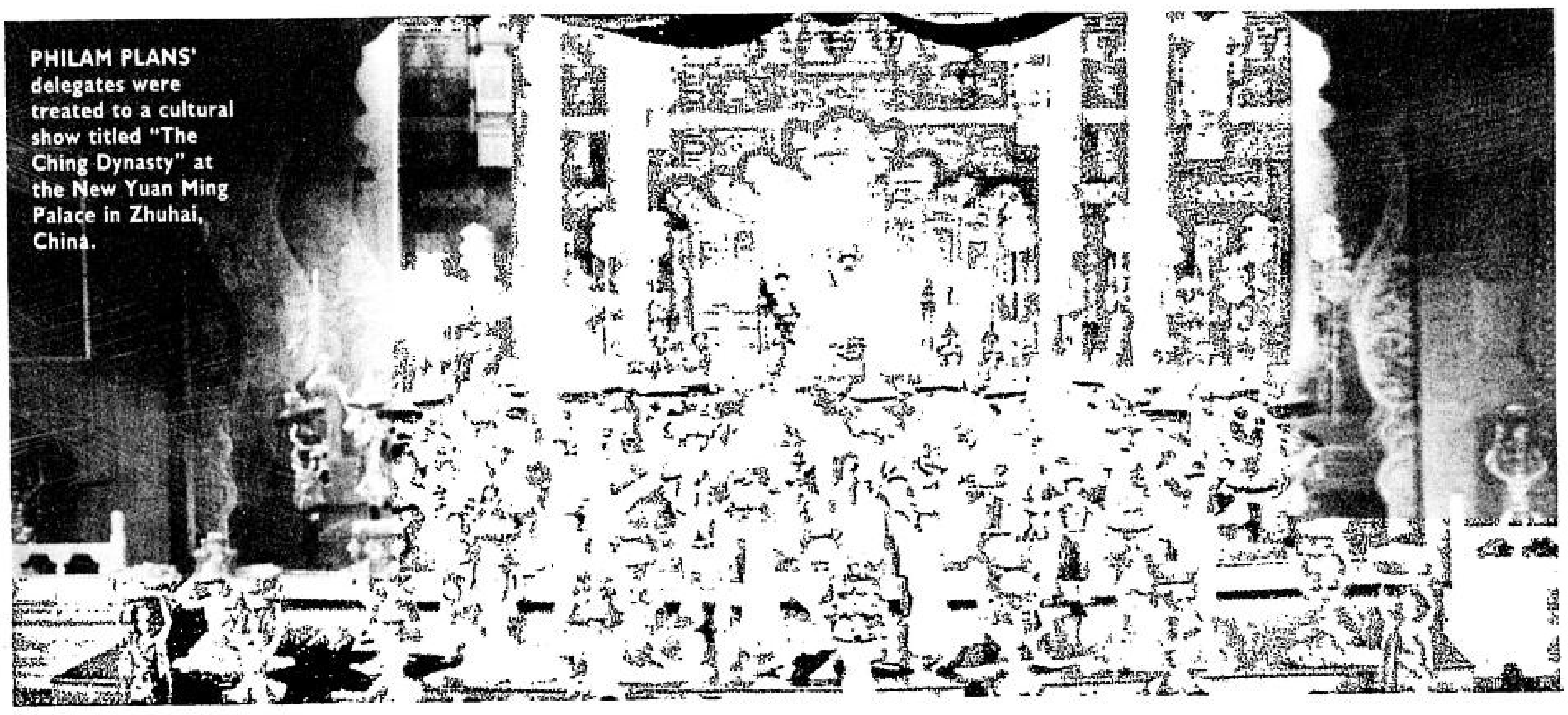
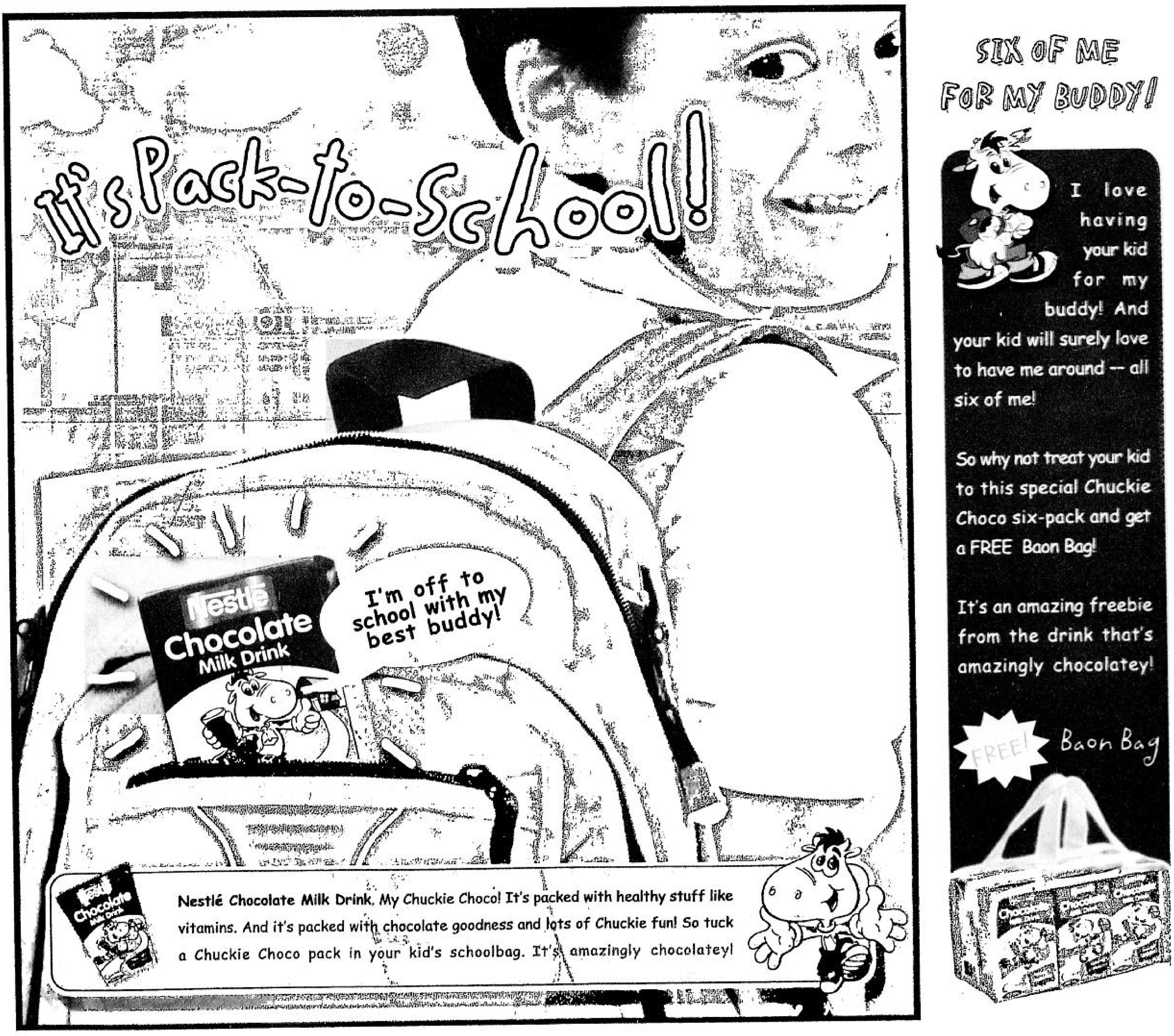


PHILAM PLANS' delegates were treated to a cultural show titled "The Ching Dynasty" at the New Yuan Ming Palace in Zhuhai, China.



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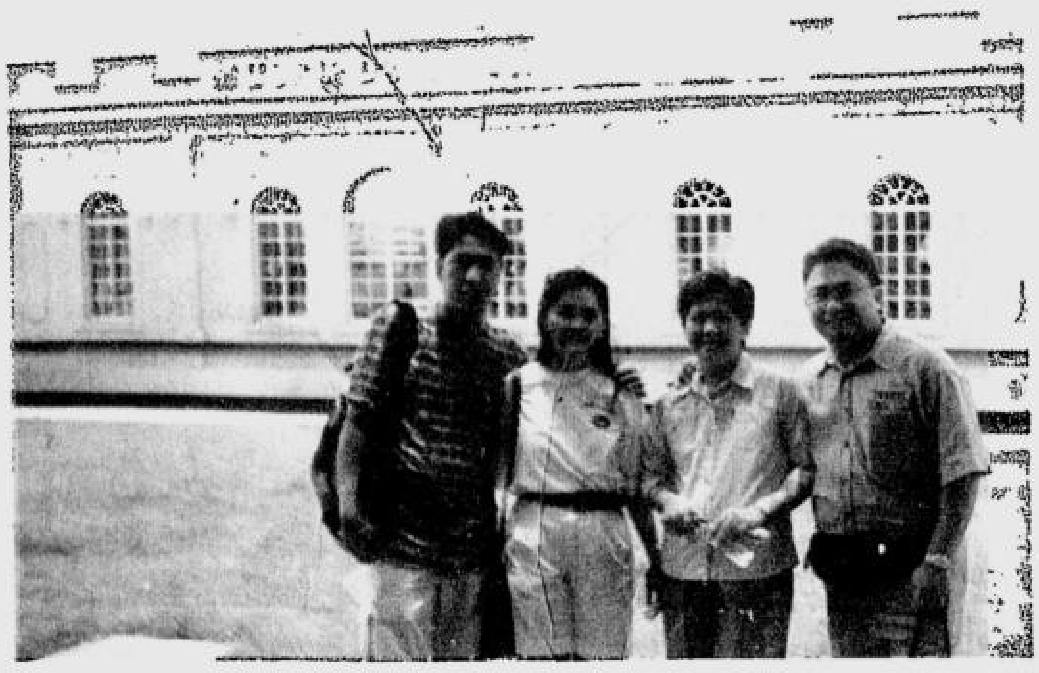
ERIC and Velvet Bautista, Charmina Lou Contreras and Rico Bautista (regional manager) pose before the Statue of Lady of Pearl in Zhuhai, China.



MARCELINO Luisito Ocampo and wife Violeta, Velvet and Rico Bautista at Macau Museum

From insurance sellers to Globetrotters

After a year of hard work, 65 men and women of Philam Plans' sales force were rewarded with a trip to Macau

By Rowena C. Burgos

THEY'RE out there day after day, pounding the bushes to make a sale, and most of the time, they face rejection. But they continue without letting the rejection get in the way of their next sale.

This is the kind of insurance/pre-need agents or sales counselors, and unit, area and regional managers that Philam Plans treated to a four-day tour of Macau on May 28-31. Another batch will be sent to Spain this month.

They were recently honored at Philam's Lakbayan Awards, which treats the best-performing agents and managers to an all-expense-paid trip to different destinations abroad for some rest and recreation. The lucky ones include a former basketball player, a postman, a teacher, housewives, secretaries, and sari-sari store owners.

While many of Philam Plans' 23,497 sales force (19,029 sales counselors, 3,681 unit managers, 176 district managers and 611 agency managers) began selling pre-need plans on the side, there were others who left their regular jobs to go full-time or started their own agencies and eventually became multimillionaires.

"We always tell our sales force not to assume that someone is not interested in purchasing insurance," says Gigi Rey Enorme, assistant vice president of Philam Plans' marketing services department.

She also advises agents to participate in training so they can have a working knowledge of what is covered, and highlight to their customers the relative cost and value of insurance. "Make selling insurance part of the sales process and compensate your employees accordingly," she adds. "If you put a goal in front of someone and reward them, you will see the results."

Despite the political and economic factors affecting the business environment, including the 9/11 tragedy, Philam Plans registered a 12.8-percent growth in 2001 compared with the previous year. In November alone, it posted a 35-percent growth rate.

Show of faith

At a time when many companies are pulling back on expenses, Philam takes a step forward and demonstrates its faith in its agents.

Considered as Philam's most treasured assets, the sales associates receive top-of-the-line benefits and compensation such as group insurance and health coverage, car loan and housing facilities, business equipment loan facilities, scholarship grants and the Globetrotters program.

What's best about the Globetrotters program is that sales associates can bring along their loved ones if their sales production permits

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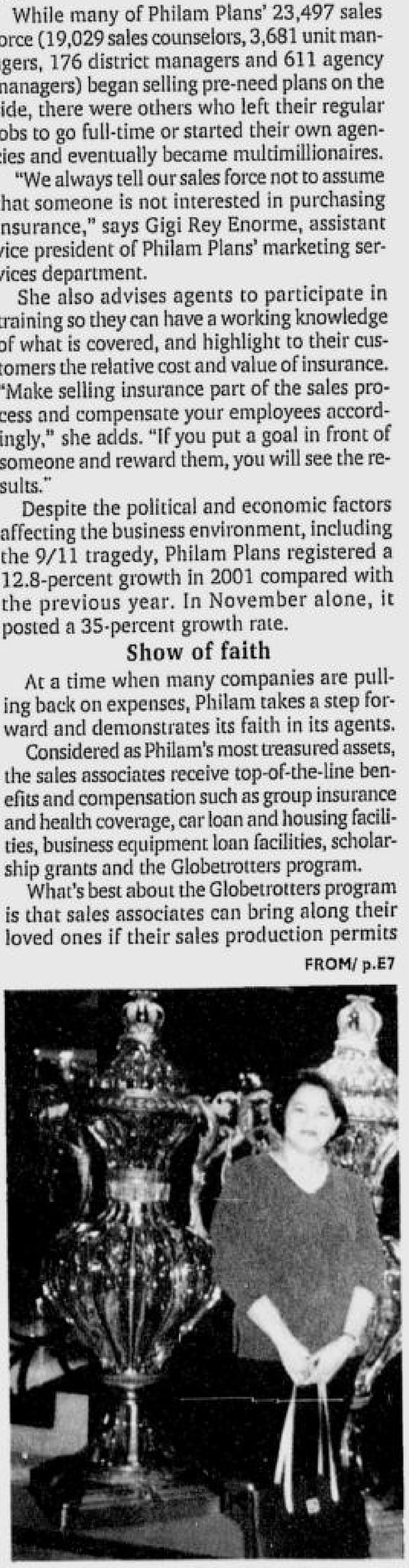

AGENCY manager Vicky Crizaldo at Lisboa Casino

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Dr. Vinson B. Pineda, Chief Dermatologist of Dermclinic, prescribes BOTOX for treating wrinkles and facial lines. However, Dr. Pineda stresses that a qualified dermatologist should administer the BOTOX procedure. Dr. Pineda voiced his concern over reports that the breakthrough drug is being performed on some patients by non-medical professionals.

DR. VINSON B. PINEDA
Dr. Vinson B. Pineda was trained at the New York University's Skin and Cancer Unit and was a Fellow of the UP-PGH Medical Center. Dr. Pineda introduced the BOTOX technology to the country a few years ago, and since then, had performed the procedure extensively on his patients at Dermclinic.

DR. PHILIP WERSCHLER
Dr. Werschler has an extensive experience in administering the use of BOTOX for cosmetic procedures and led an FDA-sanctioned study group on the breakthrough.

Dr. Pineda stresses that the safety of the Botox procedure relies mainly on its administration to specific muscles by a trained dermatologist.

Botox relaxes key facial muscles eliminating deep lines and leaving overlaying skin smooth explains Dr. Werschler. The pharmaceutical company Allergan, manufacturer of Botox, brought in Dr. Werschler to the country when it introduced the Botox technology. He trained Dermclinic Dermatologists to ensure proper Botox administration to strategic facial muscles to achieve the desired results and to avoid untoward side effects.

Dr. Pineda stresses, "Botox works best on specific muscle areas when injected properly, leaving surrounding muscles to function normally to produce natural facial expressions without the wrinkles. A Botox injection in the wrong place can cause droopy eyelid while too much Botox can eliminate natural expressions."

Is Botox treatment safe?

The treatment has become widely popular with both men and women. Doctors administered over a million injections last year.
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Where will you go for a Botox treatment?

Not everyone can administer Botox treatment correctly, so Dr. Pineda advises patients to go to a dermatologist they can trust. It is important that your dermatologist should have the necessary training and expertise in this procedure.

To this, Dr. Werschler agrees, "one of my objectives in giving this seminar to dermatologists in the Philippines is to fully equip them with know-how and understanding. Dermclinic dermatologists have undergone extensive training in this procedure."

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Weddings, Engagements

Sunday LIFESTYLE

GERRY and Debbie Suchoski

Wedding marks union of Cebu's oldest and most prominent families

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Jaime Picornell

SIMPLICITY and solemn elegance marked the wedding of Gerry Suchoski to Debbie Dizon, one Saturday morning at the Parish of Sta. Teresita in Lahug.

She is the daughter of Rosendo and Elizabeth Dizon; he the son of Dr. John and Consuelo "Ging-Ging" Suchoski (nee Unchuan). It was a union of Cebu's oldest and most prominent families.

Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Non, SJ, officiated the nuptial Mass. The principal sponsors were Miguel and Pacita Toledo (nee Unchuan, Gerry's maternal aunt) and Jeffrey Johnson and Agnes Allego.

Secondary sponsors were Michael Tan and

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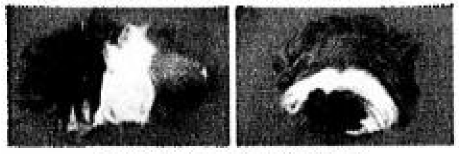
LONG-HAIRED GUINEA PIGS



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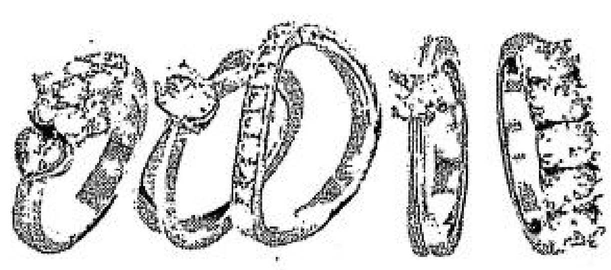

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When it comes to love, mom's the word.

There is in all this world no fount of deep, strong, deathless love, save that within a mother's heart.

-Felicia Hemans

Mommy. She is the single most important person in our lives. Remember as a kid how Mommy can make you stop crying just by her saying, 'O tahan na, nandito na si Mommy.' Or how we begin each sentence with 'Mommy...?' In fact, isn't the word 'Mommy' the first word we learned to say?

Even as an adult we turn to our Moms to ease some of our difficulties and pains. Laughter is not the best medicine, having a loving mother is.

Mommy's love is like a well that runs deep and never goes dry. She is kind and big-hearted yet firm when she needs to be. Her kids come first before anything else. Her needs come in second. Her love is fierce and strong.

She gives her all everyday and expects nothing in return. To remember her on Mother's Day and birthdays is not enough because the gifts and smiles we give her on these special days are only a small part of the picture.

If we can pay tribute to her love everyday. Imagine how much better a world this would be?

The following is a collection of famous quotes from various individuals, known and unknown, who show and recognize their mother's love.

She is my first, great love. She was a wonderful, rare woman - you do not know; as strong, and steadfast, and generous as the sun. She could be as swift as a white whiplash, and as kind and gentle as warm rain, and as steadfast as the irreducible earth beneath us.

- D H Lawrence

Becoming a mother makes you the mother of all children. From now on each wounded, abandoned, frightened child is yours. You live in the suffering mothers of every race and creed and weep with them. You long to comfort all who are desolate.

- Charlotte Gray

Ang ina ang ilaw ng tahanan
- Kasabihang Pilipino

Original Poems for Infant Minds "My Mother"

Who ran to help me when I fell, And would some pretty story tell, Or kiss the place to make it well? My Mother.

Mother is the one we count on for the things that matter most of all.
- Katherine Butler Hathaway,

Mother is the heartbeat in the home; and without her, there seems to be no heart throb.

- Leroy Brownlow

Nais kong maulit ang awit ni Inang mahal. Awit ng pag-ibig habang ako'y nasa duyan.

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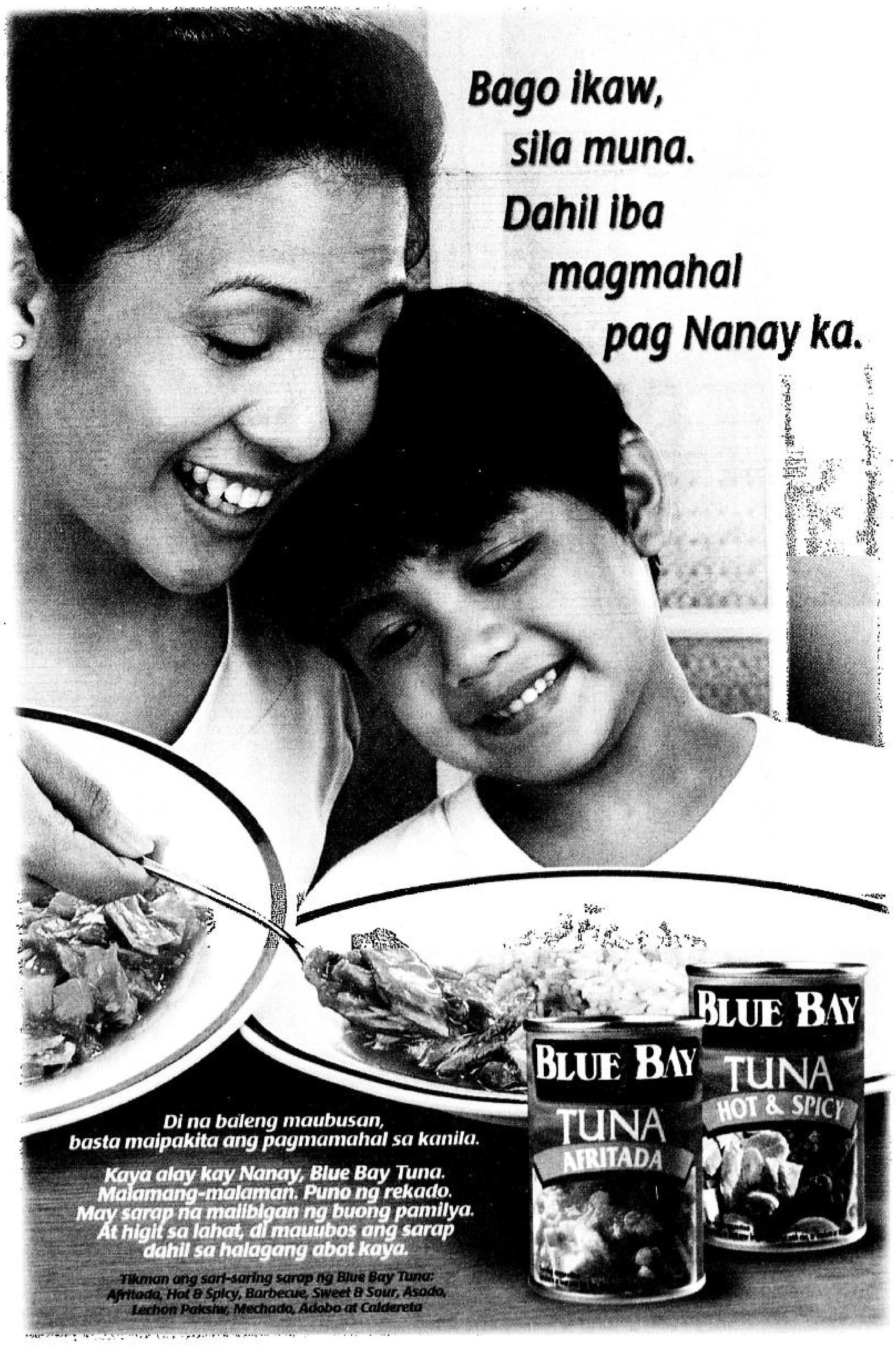

Di na baleng maubusan,
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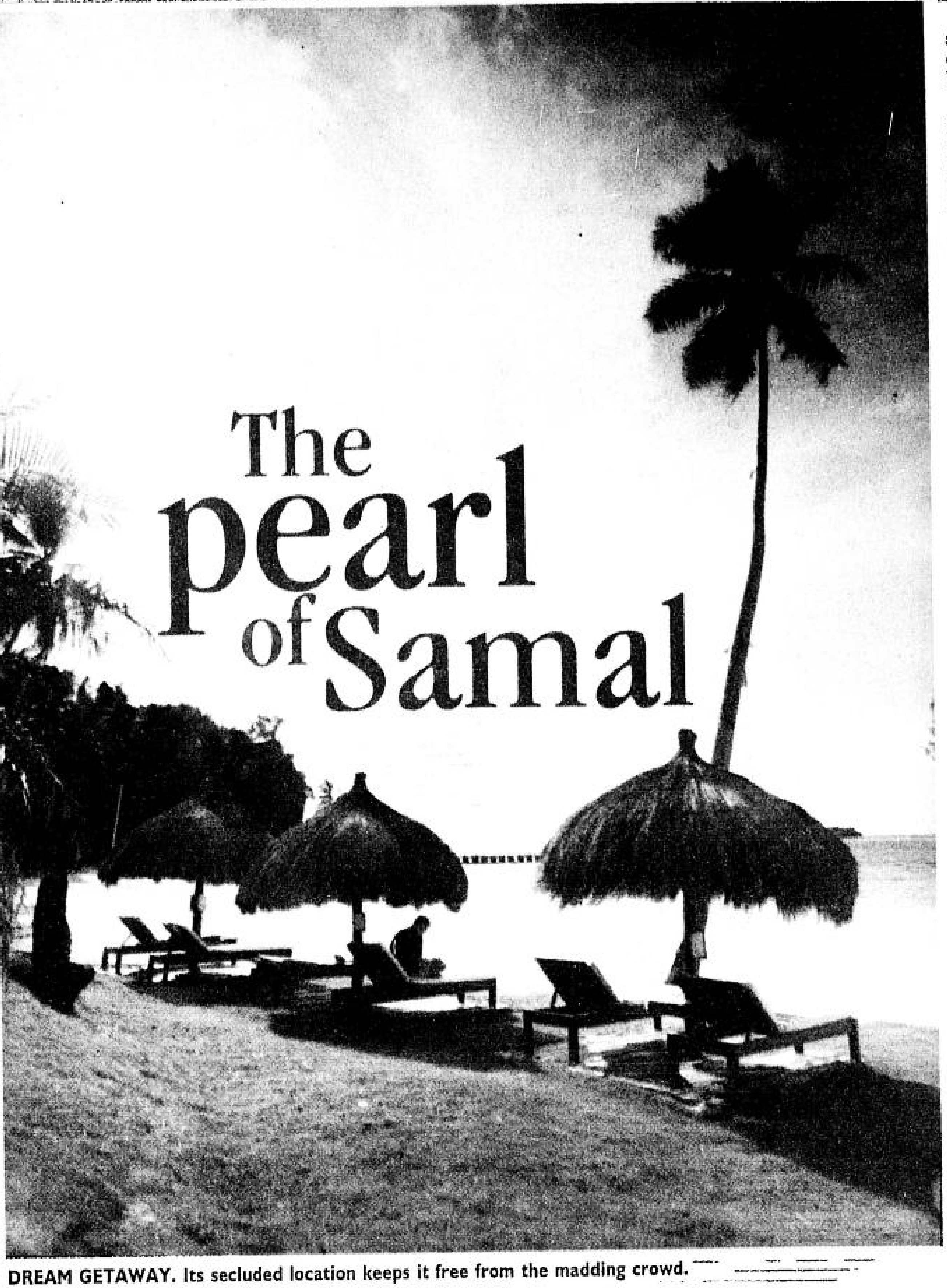
The pearl of Samal



DREAM GETAWAY. Its secluded location keeps it free from the madding crowd.

By Leah Salterio

IT'S in Samal, not Davao!" says the boatman who ferries passengers from Davao City to Samal Island, quick to correct anyone who says otherwise.

While Davao is actually a take-off point for guests who want to go to the Pearl Farm, the resort is nestled on the quiet island of Samal, which is a 45-minute boat ride from the city.

True to its name, the sprawling 11-hectare resort was once a pearl farm where thousands of white-lipped oysters, transported from the Sulu Sea, were cultivated for their pink, white and gold pearls. Today it is a tropical paradise that has become a popular tourist destination in the south.

In March last year, the Pearl Farm was turned over to the Barcelo Group for a five-year management deal. (Alex Groizard, general manager, is on top of operations.) It is now officially known as the Barcelo Pearl Farm Island Resort, carrying a distinct name known for its standard of service worldwide.

But only two months after the turnover, the Pearl Farm was attacked by bandits believed to be members of the Abu Sayyaf. Although the bandits were not able to enter the resort, the incident caused a decline in guest arrivals, particularly foreigners.

To this day, the resort has yet to again enjoy the patronage of large groups of Japanese visitors.

Groizard explains that Japan has issued an advisory to its citizens not to visit Mindanao. But he is optimistic that the Pearl Farm can transcend this and move ahead.

"Everywhere in the world, there is always the problem of terrorism. There was a bomb that exploded last March in Madrid, but there are still tourists there," Groizard says.

"Why will we recall the bad things?" he adds. "Bad things cannot happen forever. Things will get better. One day, you'll see this is a safe place to go to. We have to put the incident behind us, move forward and find the solution."

But for all that, Groizard says the resort is thriving, with Asians, particularly Koreans, still the biggest market.

Groizard, who has worked for Barcelo resorts and hotels in China, Thailand, Chicago, Spain, Switzerland and the Dominican Republic, finds a challenge in promoting tourism in the Philippines.

"This country has so much to offer and it's not very well promoted," he says. "Everyone knows about Bali or Phuket, but they don't know there's paradise here in Mindanao, and not just in the Visayas. The Muslim culture is very rich, although perceived differently."

While Groizard admits he was alarmed after the attack, he took it as a challenge to aggressively promote the Pearl Farm.

"Why do people always have to be afraid?" he says. "If everybody is scared to do something, nothing will happen. If you show you have potential and you can manage to do difficult things, then the people will know. You have to push yourself and say, We can make it. Nothing is impossible when you want to do something."

Groizard points out that Mindanao has so much to offer local and foreign tourists.

"We need tourists here, not just in the Visayas," he says. "To domestic tourists, we are selling the Pearl Farm as part of the destination in Samal Island. Outside the country, we are selling it as part of the destination in the Philippines."

He adds: "The tourism industry is not just international, it's also domestic. Sixty-five percent of our visitors come from the Visayas, Cagayan, Mindoro and Manila."

Groizard's dream is to see a resort boom on Samal Island.

"I will be so happy if Samal will have a new hotel, so it will drive the Pearl Farm to be better," he says. "I want to facilitate investors to spend their money here on infrastructure, so Samal can become like Mactan in Cebu. There are so many options. Competition is healthy, even if there will be 20 resorts here in the future."

Fringed by the white-sand beaches of Samal's coastline, the Barcelo Pearl Farm Resort offers an exclusivity that is hardly present in most popular resorts in the country. The secluded location keeps it free from the madding crowd.

Guests may choose from the hilltop rooms, the Samal houses and suites, the Mandaya house or the more private villas on Malipano island—which carry that distinct touch of noted architect Francisco "Bobby" Mañosa.

The Samal houses offer westward views of the sea and surrounding islands. At the other end of the cove are six well-appointed Samal suites ideal for families, with a veranda overlooking the sea. Each unit is individually designed to preserve the ethnicity of the surroundings.

The Mandaya houses are situated among the palm trees around the second swimming pool at the south end of the resort. Each has its own private balcony

Malipano Island is the site of seven exclusive villas and a three-hole golf course. Four houses squat on stilts directly over the water, while the other three are on a rocky plateau above the beach.

All houses are designed in three octagonal structures with a reception area and living room, guest suite and dining room around an airy, cantilevered deck. The shape of the roof is inspired by the traditional Philippine hat, the *salakot.*

A jar of water and a coconut shell dipper are placed near the entrance of each house so guests can wash away the sand after a day of going barefoot on the beach. In the local custom, the gesture is also symbolic of the cleansing of the spirit.

The abundant marine life on the island, the splendid rock formations and the lush mangroves also add to the attractions of the resort.

The Pearl Farm is a dream getaway where one can revel in tropical pleasures and feast on nature's bounty. You can laze on the patio of your cottage while being soothed by the splash of the waves on the shore, sunbathe, watch the sunset, or enjoy the stunning views of Mt. Apo and nearby islands.

At night, there's the *al fresco* Parola Bar where you can sing to your heart's delight on videoke. (Our group did something unusual—we played *patintero* on the sand under a moonlit sky.)

Aqua buffs can enjoy jet-skiing, water polo, kayaking, riding a hobie cat, banana boat fishing, boating, or visiting the caves and waterfalls on the island.

Meanwhile, divers have discovered that the Pearl Farm's lure goes much deeper than the attractions on the surface. Sixty meters away from the resort is a dive spot where two sunken World War II Japanese vessels have become underwater treats for scuba divers.

The area surrounding the resort has also been called a marine sanctuary, where marine life has been protected and nurtured over the years.

Early this year the Pearl Farm opened the Ylang Ylang Soothing Lounge, which offers 15 types of massage, facial treatments, body scrub and foot spa using natural products.

Melaine Avanceña, marketing and conventions manager of the resort, says that even honeymooners can enjoy a three-day, two-night package that includes airfare, candlelight dinner, island hopping and breakfasts for only P16,000.

For those who want to go to Davao and explore the city, there's a boat that leaves the resort and returns at three scheduled times within the day.

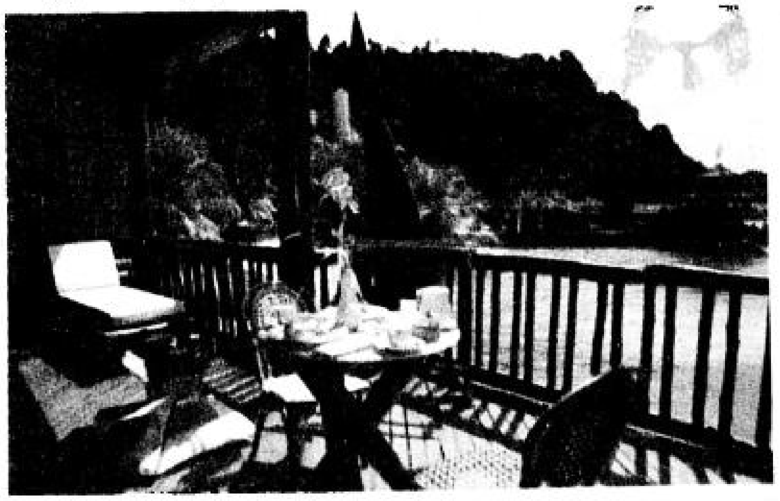
Day trips can be had for P1,200, which allows guests free use of the facilities and a room for the day.

"It's actually a marketing strategy to further promote the resort without destroying the quality of service," explains Groizard. "Most of the visitors always return. If we're booked, we don't allow day-trippers. But we can accommodate as many as 250 people in a day."

Avanceña says that during the low season, the Pearl Farm slashes as much as 30 percent from its regular room and package rates.

And guests need not worry about the onset of the rainy season. Avanceña boasts that typhoons don't exist on Samal Island.

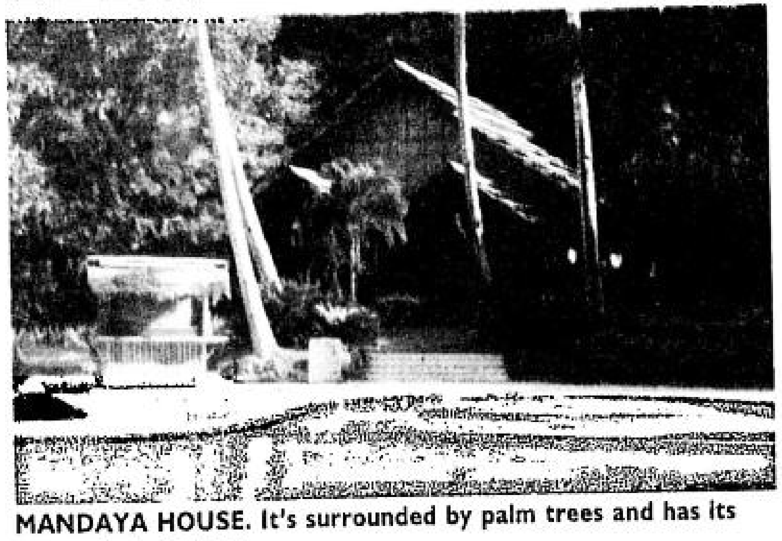
> 'Why do people always have to be afraid? We can make it. Nothing's impossible when you want to do something'



VERANDA WITH A VIEW. Relaxing seascape and tropical pleasures are seen from a Samal suite.

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED. Each unit preserves the ethnicity of the surroundings.

SAMAL HOUSE. What is it but the distinct touch of noted architect Bobby Mañosa?



MANDAYA HOUSE. It's surrounded by palm trees and has its own private balcony.

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Best-selling packages

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Wedding marks union of Cebu's oldest and most prominent families

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BEAUTY IN THREE GENERATIONS. Robi-Ann and Mimi Quintos, with grandma Millie Sembrano, sis Krysten Melgar and mom Rosie Sembrano Melgar

Jennifer Toledo for the candle; Michael Olitres and Ellen Cardones, veil; Jon Gerard Mendoza and Lynn Tan, cord.

In the entourage were maid of honor Melinda Miciano, best man Charles Unchuan, bridesmaid Charina Dizon, groomsman Ajay Suchoski, flower girl Alyssa Alfonso, ring and coin bearer Brandford Tiongko.

The reception followed at the great hall of the Laguna Garden Café.

"Where are the *tocinos del cielo?*" asked Gerry's grandmother Luching Unchuan Alfonso, whose household had been churning the goodies especially for this occasion.

"Caught in the traffic," someone replied.

"Seems like you have Manila's problem," commented Chona Trinidad, who had come with Debbie's cousins Ching de Veyra Utzurrum, Didoy and Ely de Veyra.

"Look who caused it," a chorus of relatives retorted.

It just so happened that President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was in town that day, having a speaking engagement at the Waterfront Hotel, right between the Lahug parish and the Cebu Business Park, where Laguna Garden is.

The *tocinos* did arrive even before the dessert table was laid, and everyone was enjoying the lazy afternoon. There were disposable cameras distributed for guests to "shoot" each other.

Gerry's dad, Dr. John, was asked to make a toast and give some words, with a formula for a happy marriage, such as his and Ging-Ging's. "As a family, we pray the Rosary daily," he said. "No matter where we are."

John met Ging-Ging when he was assigned with the US Air Force at Mactan Air Base in Cebu. After their marriage, they settled in Seattle. Then he was assigned to Spain and Germany. Now that he has retired, the couple spends half of the year in the US and the rest in Cebu, commuting between the city and a farm by the sea in dreamy Compostela.

Epic gathering

ANOTHER epic gathering of Cebu's old society was the graduation party hosted by Milagros Sembrano at her mansion in Ranudo Street, fronting the Casino Español de Cebu.

It was held in honor of granddaughter Mimi Quintos, who completed her studies in medicine recently. Not so long ago, Millie had another graduation party for elder granddaughter Robi-Ann Quintos, also a doctor.

The heavens having threatened to rain, Millie had huge tents all over the garden, which twinkled with thousands of fairy lights. Planing in from the US for the occasion were the honoree's parents Bobby Quintos and Rosie Sembrano Melgar, with teenage daughter Krysten.

A dance band played old favorites all night long, red wine flowed, and, on a cue, countless bottles of champagne were popped.

GABRIEL Palmer and Michel Lhuillier

JUNE Ugarte and Iris Arcenas

RENATO Callelero, Danny del Rosario, Aissa de la Cruz, Greg Añvarez, Manuel Torres Sr. and Richard Regidor at the Cebu Plaza Hotel's Zamboanga food fest

Zambo foodfest

LANTERNS glowed and flaglets flapped in the breeze at the Lantaw native restaurant of the Cebu Plaza Hotel the night a Zamboanga food festival opened. They had the famous crab *curacha*, of course, and more than 20 special dishes and delicacies prepared by the staff of Hacienda Las Palmeras, a 50-room hotel in Zamboanga City.

Dawn Roa, tourism regional director, cut the ribbon, assisted by Las Palmeras proprietor Greg Alvarez and Manuel Torres Sr., charter president of Cebu's Hermanos y Hermanas de Zamboanga.

With Mr. Torres was his lovely wife, Isabela. Accompanying Mr. Alvarez were his hotel staff members such as F&B manager Hennie Enriquez, chefs William Escozar and Cielo Fabian.

Welcoming one and all were Cebu Plaza's top personalities: GM Randy Baron, PR manager Aissa de la Cruz, F&B manager Danny del Rosario, executive chef Martin Przbodnik, banquet manager Renato Callelero, and promotions manager Richard Regidor.

They are getting ready for the next foodfest in mid-July, featuring the specialties of Iloilo.

Wine and dine

SOL y Luna is one of the best restaurants at the Ayala Entertainment Center. One reason is because its owners—Iris Arcenas, June Ugarte and Grace Lerma—have made sure the cuisine is authentic Spanish.

They struck felicitous chemistry the night they hosted with Gabriel Palmer, a wine-tasting party with fine produce from Bodegas Los Alanos in Valdepeñas, one of the oldest wine-growing regions in Spain.

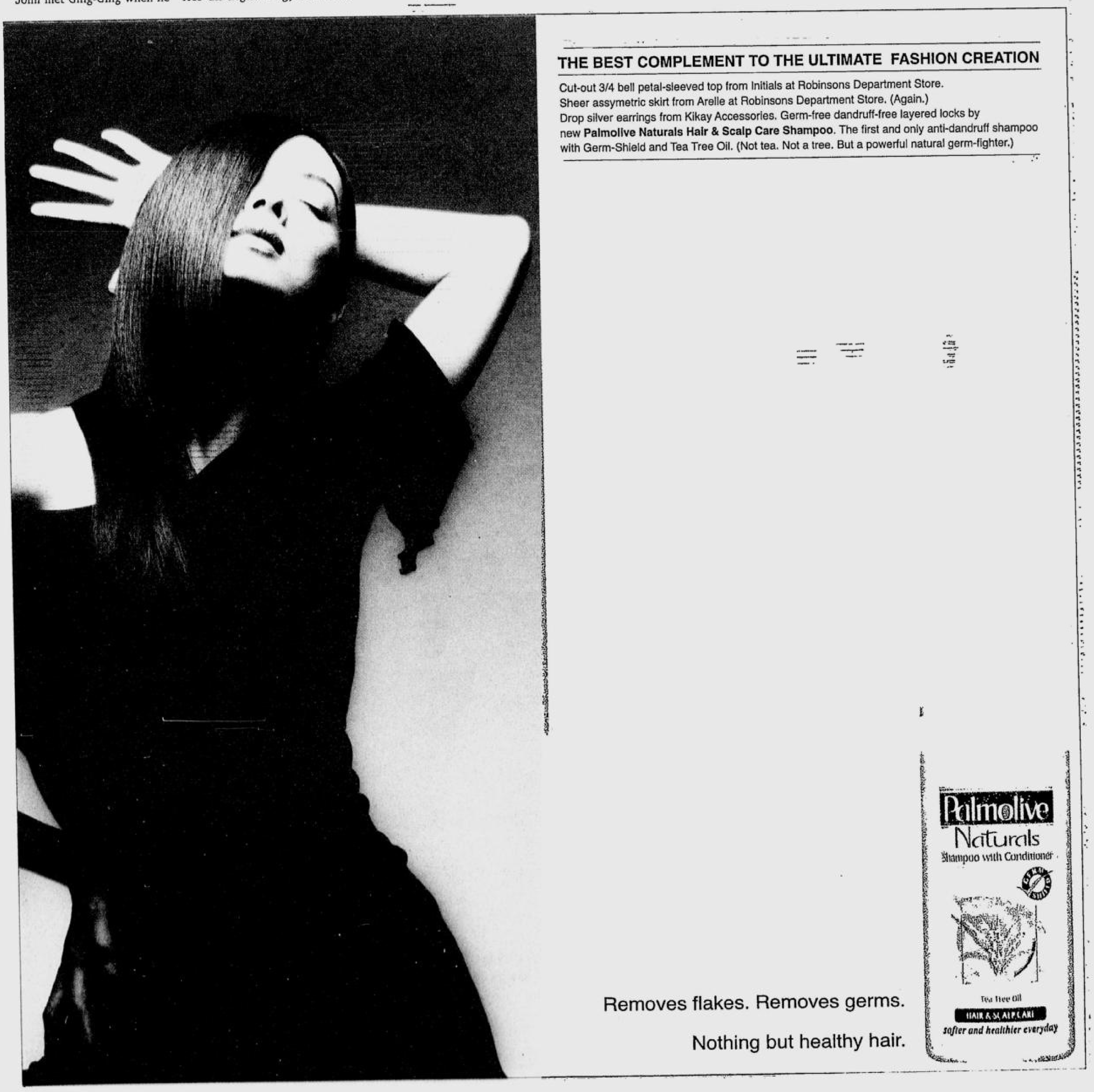
The *tapas* were, if not to die for, at least to lustily shout "Ole" for. Then clap hands, flamenco-style, and stomp feet for the dozen different wines being poured, gurgled, into a hundred or so goblets to pass around. They ranged from almost frozen roses to chilled whites, to slightly cooled reds.

Michel Lhuillier, the connoisseur that he is, was giving high ratings to the top-of-the-line Señorio de los Llanos "Pata Negra."

Spartan Cebuanos find the cost most attractive—P580 a bottle. Someone is said to be buying it in Cebu and selling it elsewhere at twice or thrice the price. It is not so much how enterprising the man may be, but how good the wine is.

Gabby Palmer is originally from Palma de Mallorca. He has happily settled in Cebu, in a villa at Paradise Village, which he has named Bona Viña.

His friends have laid siege to it, putting those orders, and stacking their cellars. Many prominent Cebuanos do have cellars in their homes since time immemorial.



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SAMBO-MORALES

Marjorie Paras-Morales, youngest daughter of Mayor **Marino "Boking" Morales** and writer **Wilhelmina "Mine" Paras**, will marry in Catholic rites former Santo Tomas councilor and now businessman **John Sambo** on July 12 at Clark's Chapel One. Dinner will follow at the Fontana Convention Center.

The bride will wear an **Oscar Peralta** creation, a bustier top with a low V-back, and a dramatic butterfly-inspired balloon skirt that will flow into a two-meter floweret-encrusted lace train. Done in ecru Swiss-silk organza and Shantung silk, the whole gown took all of 25 yards of fabric. The veil is strewn with tiny flowerets and glitters. Peralta is doing the gowns of the entire entourage.

ZAMORA GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Ms **Emmanuel D. B. Zamora** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 12. The Mass was celebrated at the Loreto Church, Sampaloc, Manila. Reception followed at Hotel Intramuros, Urdaneta Street, Intramuros, Manila.

VILLAROMAN-REYES

Edwin Villaroman, son of **Eduardo** and **Chit Villaroman**, will wed **Cherry May Reyes**, daughter of **Oscar** and **Nitz Reyes,** on Aug. 3 at the Parish of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary in West Triangle, QC. Reception will follow at the Sulo Hotel. Both Canadian immigrants, the couple will return to Canada after the wedding.

FENIZA-TAÑEDO

Jonathan Melicor Feniza, son of **Niño Auza Feniza** and **Visitacion Melicor**, will tie the knot with **Joy Christine Gio Tañedo,** daughter of engineer **Arturo Aguas Tañedo** and **Nancy Gio**, on July 20 at the Our Lady of Remedies Chapel in Air Force City, Clark Field, Pampanga. Reception will be at the Grand Ballroom of Holiday Inn Resort Clark Field, Clark Field, Pampanga.

The bride will wear a gown with an A-line, half-balloon cut white shantung with a 6 ft-long train, embroidered with white frosted organza embedded with pearls, sequins and white and silver cut beads. It has a haltered bodice with spaghetti straps at the back, with white and silver cut beads on neckline and armhole, and embroidery and beads on the waist. A mini princess crown for the headdress and long veil was also added. It was designed by **Allan Perry Mercado.**

TAKING TIME OFF

By Dr. Eric Tayag

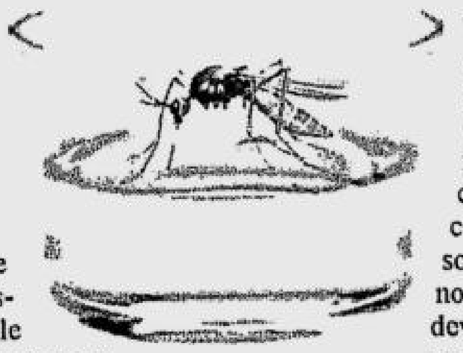
Lethal Bites

The threat of dengue can be lethal if left unchecked.

It is easy to become a dengue victim. A tiny mosquito sucking your blood infects you with a potentially deadly virus. Then you get ill and you suffer.

Many, too, have died…and more still are waiting to become its next victim - - repeatedly for most of us - - of this fatal disease commonly known as H-fever.

The threat of dengue continues and has caused a strain in many tropical countries in the world – the Caribbean, Central and South America, Asia, and more seriously in Southeast Asia; often with serious economic consequences.



The female assassin

These harbingers of death are the *Aedes aegypti* and similar mosquitoes, particularly the female species that need to suck blood to support their egg-bearing state. As they feed from one person to another undetected, they are able to transmit and spread the dengue virus to each unwitting and unprotected victim.

The female mosquito is notoriously called the "tiger" mosquito because of the characteristic stripes on its torso. These dengue-carrying mosquitoes seek for and thrive in clear and still water, such as untouched water in flower vases or even plants you find in the garden, rainwater inside rubber tires and unattended water-storing containers. These mosquitoes strike during the day, peaking around 10 in the morning and continue until just before sunset. Because they feed frequently (biting humans discreetly), a whole mosquito squadron could already be feeding, and their victim would still be unaware.

Dengue is present all year round. The rainy season marks the peak for dengue transmission because this offers the mosquitoes more breeding sites. However, even during drier months where there is overabundance of uncovered stored-water, these mosquitoes are there to breed and create havoc if we permit them.

The Dengue danger

The real danger in having this disease lies in the fact that it may not come with any sign or symptom. Because it sometimes mimics other tropical diseases, it can be very difficult to detect. The confusion in identifying dengue sometimes leads to failure in diagnosis early on. As a result, anxiety develops, treatment is delayed, appropriate community intervention is prevented, and the patient's life is at stake. However, dengue, though fatal, is preventable.

Fighting back

The best option is still prevention. Emptying containers of stagnant water and properly covering liquid-bearing containers with lids will eliminate mosquitoes breeding sites. When lounging about or playing outside, a protective layer of clothing will keep them from nibbling on your skin. Application of an effective mosquito repellent on exposed areas will also help keep those flying dengue carriers off your skin.

Taking Time OFF is a weekly public information drive against dengue by SCJohnson's OFF! Mosquito Repellent Lotion. Dr. Eric Tayag is a dengue specialist, who also works for the Department of Health. For inquiries and comments, you may email him at e_tayag@doh.gov.ph. Next week, Dr. Tayag will feature the signs and symptoms of the dengue fever.

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- at least 3 years experience in branch work
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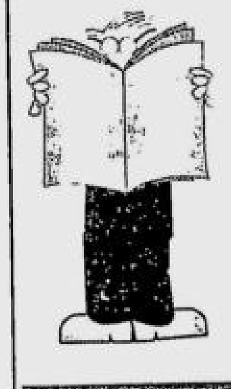

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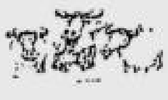

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Dante Ang

Power Player

Who's afraid of the President's slick and influential PR man? It's his job to speak out against the incompetent, declares this poor boy turned formidable industry veteran—and he knows perfectly well he's in a position to get results

By Alya B. Honasan
Photograph by Egay Montana

DANTE ANG is wondering aloud why people think he's so influential, when suddenly his cellphone rings. "Madame President," he greets the caller. Turns out that on the day of this interview, Ang turned 60 years old—and President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo finally signed his official appointment as Senior Presidential Consultant for Public Relations. It is a position also held by Vicky Garchitorena, Paul Dominguez and Bobby Romulo, but the President felt a little concerned about the delay in signing Ang's appointment, he recounts, because he didn't show up at Mikey Arroyo's wedding. "I was working," Ang explains. "I was editing a documentary we were doing for her." As for the appointment, "It's a wonderful birthday gift," he tells the President graciously.

Ang is nothing if not gracious. He is articulate, distinguished-looking, dapper in a charcoal suit and a baby pink tie as he sits behind the publisher's desk at Manila Times, a job he says he loves. "I like the challenge, but I'm a very realistic person. That's why I decided to gun for a good number 4. If I sell 100,000 copies, I'll be much more than happy, I'll be ecstatic." The attachment to the paper is sentimental, he says; his maternal grandfather, Bertin Arevalo, used to work for the Times.

He's not exactly hands on, he says, because "I trust my editors. I don't tell them what to write about." But what happens if his number one client, the President, does something awful today, and it's going to be all over the news tomorrow? "Balance" is Ang's ready answer. "Get the side of Malacañang, maybe highlight it. The first paragraph is the bad news, the second, third and fourth the side of Malacañang, the fifth paragraph is back to the bad news." He grins at how simple it seems to be. "It can be done, you know."

If anybody can do it, Ang probably can. He's also a trader and a businessman—he quit his last official designation on the board of Pagcor because "I don't get to attend the meetings, it's not fair"—but he is best known as the President's main PR man. She has been his client since 1993. "As early as then I knew she would be President. I have a very strong sixth sense." It was Ang who repackaged GMA as a Nora Aunor lookalike, which landed her the top Senate seat. "What is packaging? It's product and presentation. The product is already superior—she's bright, *masipag*, honest. We changed the presentation. No matter how hard we try, Juan or Maria will not care about economics. So we went down to the *masa*, and the association carried her all the way to 1998, when she won as vice president."

Recently, Ang's controversial "*Ina ng Bayan*" campaign garnered a 73 percent approval rating. "I was vindicated," he says. "Because of that campaign, I was everybody's punching bag for a while." As President, Ang says, it's GMA's job to try and reach out to the public. "The opposition will say that's propaganda, but we're forgetting one important component of governance—communication. You have to make people realize and appreciate what you're doing. It's not just doing well, but being *perceived* to be doing well. It's not campaigning, it's part of your job."

Ang blames the same "perception" for the impression that he is influential. "I don't even have a bodyguard," he says. The objection is interrupted—and almost contradicted—by another call from The Client, for whom Ang has given up all his other PR accounts. This time it's business. "I don't get paid," he says later. "What for? If I accepted, how much should my fee be? In contrast, I get psychic income—my neighbor says, *ang lakas pala ni* Dante Ang *sa Presidente*. That's worth more than a million a month!"

Doesn't he get compensated in other ways? The position certainly brings some enviable leverage. "I was offered by the President to be Press Secretary twice, the last time when Noel Cabrera resigned. But why should I accept the job? I already love what I am doing."

Ang meets with the President twice a week, and is on call. Such proximity is enough to make people fear him. "Maybe they should!" he chuckles. "That was a joke! I don't know, maybe they've done something wrong, or are into something illegal, or are incompetent. They're afraid because I owe my closeness to the

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President to nobody. I tell the President anything, whether good or bad. I can honestly say I am not representing any particular group or interest—that's why I'm free to talk to people, regardless of political shade. I talk to the opposition, the administration, I do what should be done for the good of my client."

Does that include meddling, as he has been accused of in the past, in everything from government agency negotiations and Presidential trips to deciding who to hire and fire? "Meddle? I will meddle if I think people are wrong. It's part of my job—of any Filipino's job, for that matter." Ang is evidently aware, however, that he is in an exceptionally good position to meddle and get results. "Perhaps some people will see my meddling as real meddling, *nakikialam*. I tell people exactly what I think about certain things. If you call that meddling, then so be it."

Are enemies inevitable, then? "When you write something bad about a client's detractors, naturally they become enemies. As much as possible I don't go for negative campaigns, though. There's a wealth of positive things you can write about."

A positive attitude is what has helped him through "unbelievably trying times," Ang recalls. Born in Las Piñas, the eldest of seven children, Ang saw his family's fortunes dwindle after his Chinese father was disinherited for marrying a Filipino. He grew up in a shanty with so many holes, they ran out of plates to catch the rainwater in bad weather.

At age 11, after graduating from elementary school and knowing that his prospects for further education were dim, Ang gathered the gumption to see a priest and ask the Congregation of the Immaculate Conception of Mary to send him to school. "For four years, I'd wake up at 5:30, prepare the altar for mass, dress up, go to school, have dinner at 7, pray the rosary at 8 and study before going to bed," Ang recalls his schedule. He still visits the priests regularly today, he adds, and is a generous donor.

He found a job at age 16 helping a provincial engineer do geodetic surveys, eventually putting away degrees in Liberal Arts from Letran, business administration from La Salle, and journalism from Lyceum. Unbelievably, he's still taking his MBA at Letran today. "All day Saturdays, till about 9 pm," he says. "I'll be done by next year."

After a stint selling appliances and hanging out at Chronicle Broadcasting Network, Ang became a typist for the radio scripts of "*Kahapon Lamang*"—until one day an actor didn't show up and a livid Eddie Ilarde made him read the part. Since there were no Chinese names on radio back then, 1959, he was rechristened Dante Arevalo, appeared on Procter and Gamble soap operas and became a radio newscaster after flunking auditions some 20 times. "Let's just say my perseverance paid off," he laughs.

He moved on to stints in advertising, where he met his first PR client in 1978, then Labor Minister Blas Ople. He conceptualized the immortal "*Ibalik Niyo Ako Sa Pilipinas!*" campaign against illegal recruiters. Shot in a Quezon City jail, the campaign was so successful that legal recruiters had to petition the government to take the ad off the air, as they were losing too much business.

Ang moved on to his first newspaper, the now defunct Daily Globe, where he met more PR clients: Security Bank, National Development Corporation (which he helped exorcise of its association with Bobby Ongpin) and SGS, sealing his reputation as a crisis management specialist and a power PR.

The bad rap PR has in this country, Ang says, should be blamed on "reporters and editors who think they can do PR. But the journalist and the PR professional are two different animals. A reporter reports the news as it unfolds. A PR practitioner creates the news; you present the story in a good light, what you call the handling, while the reporter must report the facts. If the facts can be embellished without lying to the public, PRs do so. If the facts are bad for a client, they can be subsumed, and the other facts that would be good for my client highlighted." The sleaze comes in with envelopmental journalism, and the blurring distinction between "people pretending to practise PR and the PRs themselves. The job takes creativity, and being able to understand and know in advance if an issue would be good or bad for your client."

Ang still lives in Las Piñas, and is father to three kids by his wife, and one by another woman; he lost this youngest son to illness. He has five grandchildren whom "I don't spoil—but I buy them whatever they want, even if they don't want it!"

Ang, the boy who bought his first pair of real shoes at age 17, now collects Italian shoes. He also has a passion for cars and watches; he has about 17 automobiles, including a favorite top-down, deep red Austin Mini that he drives "when there's nobody else on the road." He loves his self-winding, unembellished Piaget watches, and his idea of indulgence is escaping by his lonesome to his house in Lake Caliraya, Laguna.

With the constant storms brewing around Malacañang, Ang claims he keeps his cool by "looking at people in worse situations, like I was when I was younger." His motto: Try not to let the position get to his head. "That," he says with an enigmatic grin, "would be the end of me."

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The Golden Couple

My prayer for Ditong and Eveng is not for God to grant them more years to their life, but more life to what remains of their years together

FERNANDO and Nieves Dayrit celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows last June 23. I had memorable times with them and their growing children when they were still with the UP faculty residing at the UP campus in Diliman. I was then with the UP Catholic chaplaincy in the early '60s.

The Dayrits: "still young and alive"

Excerpts from a golden anniversary reflection:

"We are not here to witness the actual wedding of Ditong and Eveng Dayrit. We are here simply to witness the reenactment of a wedding which happened 50 years ago when Ditong and Eveng were very young and alive.

"I am not saying that they are no longer young and alive. For to be young and alive does not necessarily mean having 20/20 vision or being able to eat a whole roasted cow with the appetite of a teenager or moving around as you did when you were 20. When Jesus said, 'I have come to give you life in all its fullness,' he meant something else.

"To be fully alive means: 1. to be open-ended; 2. to be flexible; 3. to be daring, and 4. to be optimistic.

"To be open-ended is to be able to see, to hear, to smell, to touch, to experience something new each day without fear or guilt.

"To be flexible is to be able to appreciate, reverence and love Truth, Goodness and Beauty wherever they are found.

"To be daring is to be able to take the risk of experiencing and enjoying every new thing each day—even if you are 99 years old.

"To be optimistic is to be able to believe that today can be better than yesterday, and the best is yet to come.

"To be open-ended, flexible, daring and optimistic is what growing old is all about; and the experience of growing is what being young and being fully alive are all about. For being young and being fully alive do not pertain merely to your vital statistics (how tall or how short you are, how much you weigh or how cute you look). Being young and alive pertains to your soul/spirit as well. It is the spirit that will live forever and because it lives forever, it is capable of growing and developing indefinitely, and therefore, it is forever young.

"The opposite of being open-ended is being close-minded. The opposite of being flexible is being rigid. The opposite of being daring is being scared, and the opposite of being optimistic is being hopeless. To be close-minded, rigid, scared and hopeless is to be really old (even if you are only 20). People who are close-minded, rigid, scared and pessimistic are not fully alive. Their spirit is dead even ahead of their body. They are cranky, irritable, judgmental and hard to deal with. They are walking zombies who scare people away especially those who do not share their beliefs.

"To be youthful, grateful, growthful and fully alive (even if they are 88 or 99) is God's precious gift to Ditong and Eveng. It is the promise of Jesus in John 10:10: 'I have come to give you life—life in all its fullness.'"

My prayer for Ditong and Eveng is not for God to grant them more years to their life, but more life to what remains of their years together.

And my prayer for you to claim God's promise of a full life by being open-ended, flexible, daring and hopeful—faithful and grateful to God—starting today and every step of the way—until you hit 101. God bless you.

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Most of the Dayrit children have since either moved out of their parents' house or moved on to work and settle abroad with their own families. But the basic family value system of the Dayrits has remained faithful to the vintage JP Delaney paradigm of "being open-ended, flexible, daring and optimistic" which has transfigured Ditong and Eveng into a youthful and growthful specimen of the prophetic couple-witness for Christ and the Church today.

Samsara

We were exiled to a dark place
not unlike this world in its misery
but without the distinctions of objects
and the urgency of time.

Though they were present
in our consciousness, meant to be erased.

Then a vision: a shimmering horizon.
A voice announcing, "This is the hem
of the robe of God."

A chorus of grief rose from this depth.
Which means that for a moment,
a dimension was added to the landscape.

But when I closed my eyes, a face
was made clear. A human gesture,
as though I was still capable of shutting
myself from the light.

Then the memory of good hands.

Reader, the banished are most aware
of having had bodies. Inside them we felt far
greater terror than this lesson of loss.

I will live it exactly the same way.

Allan Popa

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Kristian S. Cordero

Theater Tales

By Mia Trinidad

Romeo in Wonderland

Actor and model Joel Trinidad is the perfect example of the nice single guy, on stage and off

Joel (second from right) with "Falsettos"cast members (left to right)Jenny Jamora, Rito Asilo, Lynn Sherman, Jake Macapagal and Lily Chu

MEETING Joel Trinidad (no relation) for the first time is like meeting the typical boy next door. He is the kind of boyfriend parents would love for their daughters because of his squeaky clean image. He graduated with honors from the Ateneo de Manila University, and has never touched recreational drugs. He goes to the gym almost every day, and watches his diet religiously. He has a close relationship with his family where there is always a "free exchange of ideas." He's also a pretty good actor.

"Acting is in my blood," Joel says. His father is an actor and his father's father was an actor. When he was only 3, Joel was already performing in school plays. In this light, it is no strange coincidence that his first play as a professional actor was "Kismet." "I played the biggest ensemble role of chief policeman with the biggest sword," he says proudly.

At 33, he has an impressive list of accomplishments in acting whether it be in TV commercials, movies or theater. He has appeared in 18 plays for various productions in the Philippines and Singapore. His notable lead roles include those in "Proof," "Romeo and Juliet," and "Sexual Perversity in Chicago."

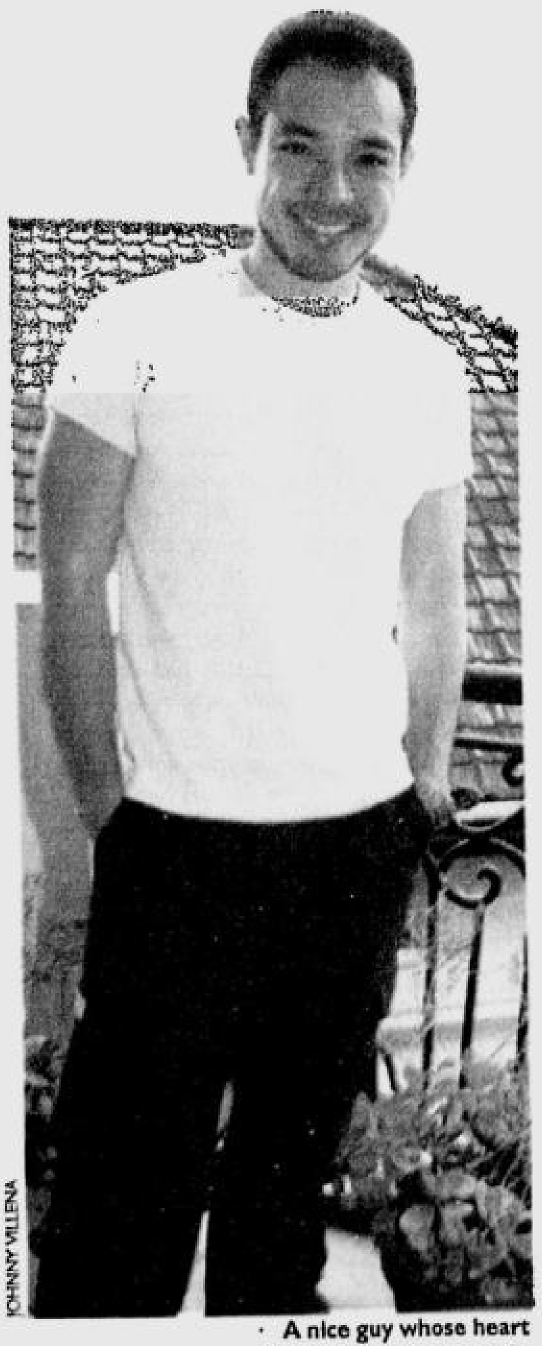
In "Sexual Perversity," Joel played an "obnoxious boor who swore a lot." He enjoyed that role because it was so unlike him.

Oddly enough, the one place where this actor appears miscast is when he is with his co-actors. He describes them affectionately as "live-for-the-moment bohemian types" with an "unwillingness to grow up," but of course, he adds, "I am generalizing." He is a meticulous planner. Financial stability, he cites, is one aspect of growing up. Knowing he was not going to strike it rich being a theater actor in the Philippines, Joel worked for a major multinational ad agency for nine years and became associate creative director. He then worked in marketing. All this time, he was planning for his future and acting at the same time.

It is easy to see why Joel feels "most alive" when he gets on that stage, "I think it's so scary that things can go wrong onstage, but that's one of the reasons I love it—it's so *buhay* and electric." Spontaneity is key for Joel. In real life, he says, "there are repercussions," but on stage, he can live out his deepest, darkest fantasies in a constructive manner. He has played a serial murderer, a lunatic and a psycho-gay killer. Most times he prefers to play the bad guy. Even while watching his favorite "Star Wars" series, he favors the villains like Darth Maul and Darth Vader.

There are other roles Joel almost always gets cast in, probably due in part to his boyish charm and good looks, and that is the lead role in a romance. Or perhaps it is simply Joel playing out what appears to be his destiny again—that of a single guy struggling to define true love. In "Romeo and Juliet," for instance, Joel describes the tragic fate of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers with straightforward candor—"Romeo and Juliet were just hormones." When Joel was cast as Romeo, he played the part with uncanny realism. In real life, Joel's longest relationship lasted almost nine years, ending amicably. "It was great," he says, "because we started out as best friends." It ended partly because Joel admitted he was not ready for marriage. It is no wonder he was nominated one of three quintessential single Filipino guys for a show called, well, "The Single Guy." Unfortunately, Joel lost the role to the other candidate by a few hundred votes. Perhaps destiny has something else planned for Joel.

Life's a stage for most people, but for Joel it's the other way around. He is currently writing a romantic musical-comedy about love and relationships. He recently opened in "Falsettos," a musical directed by Andrew Vergara for New Voice Company. Award-winning director Robbie Dinglasan, who has known Joel since 1986, points out, "He openly puts himself out there knowing he will be judged, but he doesn't really care." This is as real as Joel can get. Off stage he thinks the same way. "I am of the firm belief that I'm the same, whether I'm on camera or not. If you don't like me like this, you're not going to like me because I don't change." His brown eyes twinkle with contentment. "This is it."



JOHNNY VILLENA

A nice guy whose heart goes out to the villain

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Dance
By Cora Llamas

Curtain Call

HE TITLE of Cecile Sicangco's very last dance in her last performance couldn't have been more appropriate: "Joie de Danse!" or "The Joy of Dance!" Indeed, the performance by the premiere artist of Ballet Philippines (BP), which runs until today, is not only her farewell; it is also a tribute to her by the company where she stayed for more than 25 years.

The lady who wowed audiences with her turns in "Giselle," "Romeo and Juliet" and "Taming of the Shrew" is making her last bow with the same grace and excellent artistry that have pervaded her work for years. BP invited some of the top acts in French choreography—Claude Brumachon, Lionel Hoche, Redha, and Guillaume Compain—in a strong show of support.

"It's really all about the joy of dancing," Sicangco enthuses, "because I enjoy what I do on stage, no matter how difficult it is in the rehearsal hall. People only see the glamor, they don't see the hard work that happens offstage."

But glamor is hardly the term that people on the street associate with ballet. Mention the word and they see leaping swans, flying elves, and regally garbed lovers cavorting on stage. While they may express admiration and awe, most people still have to grasp the importance of ballet in their daily life.

Sicangco acknowledges that the elitist image of the dance was one of the strongest hurdles she and her BP colleagues had to overcome all these years. "It has to be erased," she says firmly. BP, the Cultural Center of the Philippines' (CCP) resident ballet company, found an alternative by leaving that institution's hallowed halls and going on tours to the malls in Makati, the auditoriums in Laguna, and the plazas in Samar.

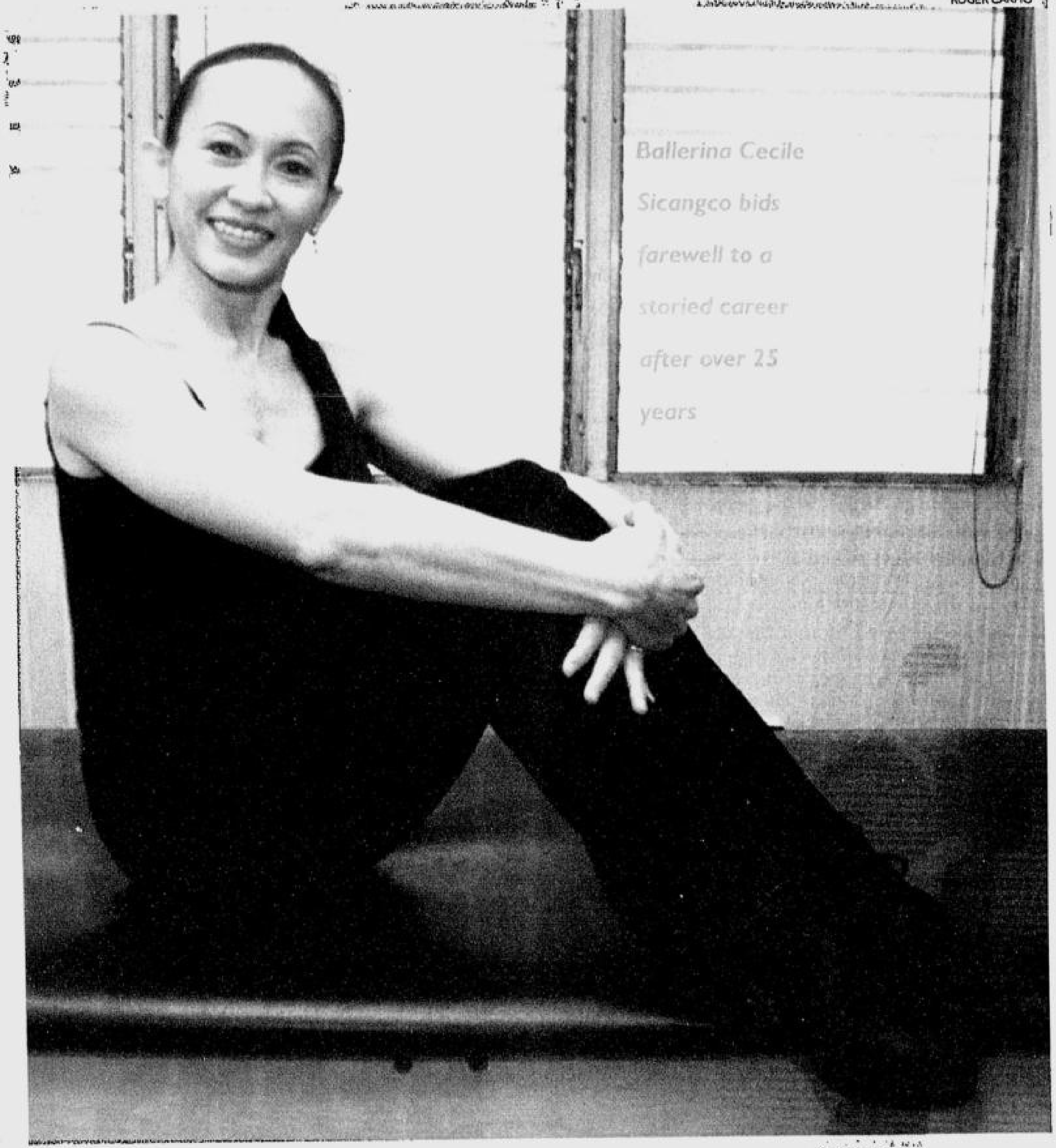
Fortunately, the effort has been paying off. Slowly but surely, audiences have been trickling in. "There are more yuppies who are in their 30s and 40s," describes Sicangco of their usual audience. "They're mostly young business executives who own their own restaurants or shops. And they're genuinely interested." This is so unlike audiences of previous generations who dressed up and went to the ballet for the prestige factor, "because they want to be seen as cultured."

It's about time that the Pinoy ballet artist gets some overdue recognition. Sicangco herself is a prime example of the excellent quality that a Filipino can attain in this art. Aside from numerous accolades in this country, BP's former associate artistic director had been invited to perform with the New Zealand Royal Ballet. In the middle '80s, she was chosen as one of two Filipino delegates to an intensive training seminar on the works of Balanchine and Fokine in Bulgaria. She was among the featured local artists who danced onstage with the stars of the American Ballet at the CCP.

Sicangco would be the first to say that Filipinos have been blessed with the gift of dance. Our artists are quite good, such that many of them have been drawn abroad by international dance companies who offer better pay and a higher standard of living.

"We don't have too many dancers who stay long enough, because they get lured by other companies abroad," she says sadly. "Dancing alone can't support them, especially the men who are *padres de familia* (heads of household)." On the average, a very junior dance artist gets roughly P5,000 a month, while more seasoned veterans make do with P8,000-P9,000.

Right now, the BP has 10 regular members in its company; during its glory days in the '80s, when funds flowed more freely to the arts, the roster reached its all-time high of 20.


ROGER CARPIO

Ballerina Cecile Sicangco bids farewell to a storied career after over 25 years

Eloquent in movement: Cecile in "Au Fille Du Mes Nuits"

These days, the economic situation has tightened budgets and forced companies to scrimp, drying up sponsorships. "Most companies would probably not give their allotment to the arts at this time. If there are typhoons, the funds will go to the victims of the typhoons. Art comes at the end of the list. We have to cut our budget this year.

"Government changes also affect your season. The CCP budget has been cut in half and this will affect the resident companies. Whatever the amount, the budget is always just enough for a second month's pay; everything else is earned income."

This year's season suggests that the company may be doing well. But Sicangco says all of that can be attributed to sheer hard work. "There's a price that you pay for excellence: extremely high discipline and dedication. I don't think you can ever make it without those. It can be frustrating if you're doing it for something else other than love. For the money? No way!

"We've been doing *isang kahig, isang tuka* for 33 years. It has always been like that. You'd expect that after 33 years, we'd have our own building, our own home."

Only one thing can sustain an artist today, given the current conditions—sheer passion for the craft.

Finally, the bottomline before the curtain closes: "When the audience claps for you, when they appreciate what you do, that's your only reward."

End Page
By Jonathan Best

Body and Mind in Motion

Gavin Robins' effort to combine athletic performance with stage, movie and video drama led him to modern dance

JUST before Ballet Philippines (BP) opened its 33rd season last July 5 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), its dancers were working hard on the season opener *"Joie de Danse,"* a sophisticated set of modern French dance pieces, and fine-tuning their highly acclaimed production "Shoes++" which will tour the country later in July. As if this was not demanding enough, the dancers also agreed to take part in an experimental workshop directed by Gavin Robins, a visiting Australian "movement specialist." The workshop was to teach them cutting edge theatrical skills, increase their physical strength and expand the range of their dancing abilities.

Earlier this year Robins was in the Philippines on an Asia Link fellowship funded by the Australian Council for the Arts. He was teaching at the Yoga Foundation in Manila and collaborating with theater artists on possible productions. He is one of Australia's most sought-after teachers of aerial performance arts, and new movement techniques for theater, movies and television. Robins was one of the leading choreographers for the Opening Ceremony of the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. When Roli Inocencio of the Australian Embassy introduced him to BP artistic director Denisa Reyes, there was instant synergy. With the help of a travel grant from the Australian Embassy, Robins returned to Manila last month and started the dancers on a demanding training program.

Robins came to his professional career from an unusual background. He started out as a star player on his Queensland high school cricket team and only took up drama classes when he went to college in Brisbane. He fell in love with theater and tried to combine the excitement of athletic performance with the intellectual presentations of stage, movie and video drama. This led him to modern dance and other highly creative types of performance art. He earned his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in drama at Queensland University at Kelvin Grove in Brisbane and graduated in movement studies from the National Institute of Dramatic Art in Sydney. Robins has also dedicated himself to the study of Ashtanga Yoga and Buddhist meditation.

He started his classes for the BP dancers with a session of Yoga. They stretched their muscles and joints, limbered up and practiced breathing and concentration. After the dancers warmed up, they practiced dance movement, acrobatics, and group coordination. In one of the more challenging practice routines Robins brought all the dancers on stage and had them run about randomly. Every few minutes two or three of the dancers would simultaneously shout out their names and fall over backward, while those around him or her had to instantly catch the one falling and do it gracefully. The speed of the running was gradually increased until they reached their limit and chaos and laughter ensued. This developed their reflexes and group coordination. After a couple of hours of warm-up and practice they tackled the difficult aerial work.

Movement director Gavin Robins in Manila

There are three types of harnesses used in Robin's flying and wall walking techniques, each with its own special attributes. The harnesses can be worn under a costume or incorporated into the design of the costume itself.

After working with BP dancers for four weeks Robins says he finds them well trained and up to the best international standards. He observes that both the men and the women are "very flexible, have incredibly light frames with very strong muscular energy, especially some of the girls who can literally fly up the walls." For their part, the dancers I talked to found the work quite demanding and at times physically painful. However, they were very excited by the new skills they were learning and Robin's ability to integrate acting and dance techniques with the athletic energy required for aerial work.

At the end of the workshop, Robins and the dancers put on an informal presentation for the staff and a few special friends and backers of BP. The response to the new techniques was enthusiastic, especially from the kids in the audience. Having seen them work out the first week Robins was in Manila I was amazed at how fast the dancers had acquired some of the difficult techniques. They now seemed relaxed and in control while soaring over the stage and playfully interacting with the dancers below.

Gavin Robins will return to Manila in October to direct more workshops and again next year to start rehearsals for a major new production, which is in the works for the 2003 season. BP is once more proving itself to be the most creative and versatile dance company in the country and one of the best in Southeast Asia. Thanks in part to the imaginative input of Gavin Robins from Australia, and his lessons in breathtaking aerial acrobatics, next year promises to be even more innovative and dynamic.

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Ballet Philippine's website: http://www.ballet com ph

Martin: Concert King and Super SIM!

Now celebrating twenty years in show business, Martin Nievera has grown to wear many hats as an entertainer – a feat that continues to endear him to audiences here and abroad.

On the shoot of his new commercial for SMART Communications, Martin mused about the company's latest offering, the SMART 64K Super SIM, and made an observation: they actually share a few things in common!

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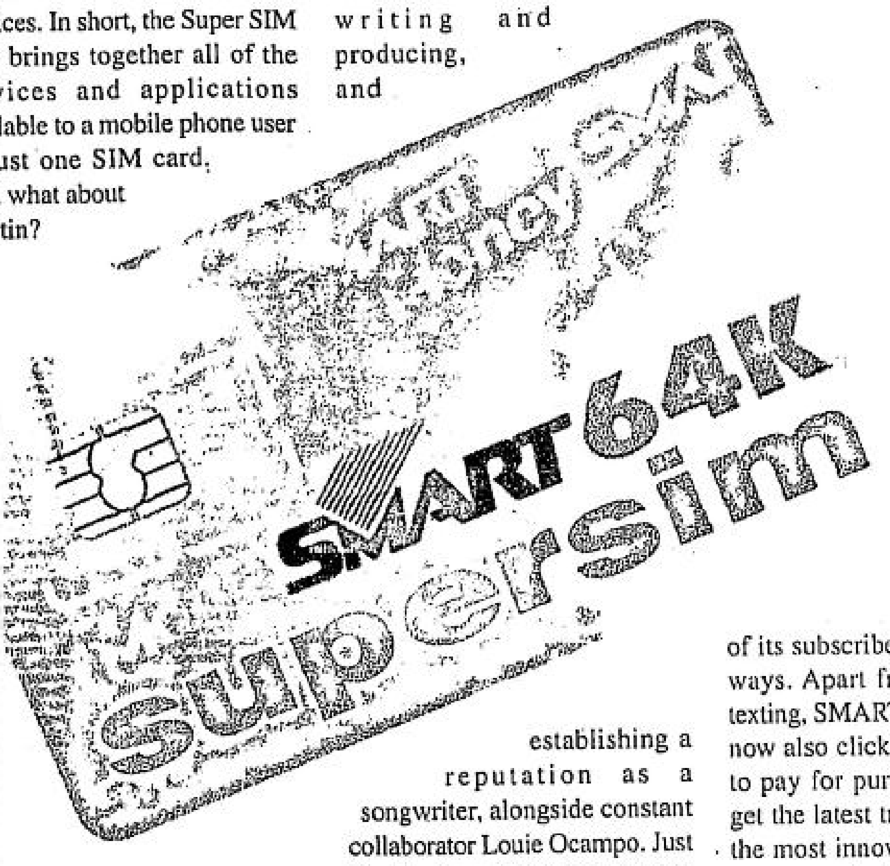

The first incarnation of Martin was as The Balladeer, the soothing baritone behind the now-OPM classics (not to mention, videoke favorites) "Be My Lady", "Ikaw ang Lahat sa Akin" and "Say that You Love Me" (his remake of the Basil Valdez hit). Then he added another facet to his act: hosting, beginning with *Penthouse Live*, where he was first paired with Pops Fernandez. At this time, he began a barrage of big-arena shows, livewire performances that eventually earned him the monicker *Concert King* – as well as acclaim as stage director (he directs most of his concerts). Of late, Martin has begun to take a firmer hold over his music, becoming more involved in writing and producing, and establishing a reputation as a songwriter, alongside constant collaborator Louie Ocampo. Just like the Super SIM, with Martin you get the entire performance package – singer, songwriter, concert director and host – all in one SIM, one Simply Incredible Martin.

Martin says he constantly reinvents himself, adding more facets to his act, to reach out and entertain his audiences in more ways. Just like SMART. With the new 64K Super SIM, SMART is able to touch the lives of its subscribers in even more ways. Apart from calling and texting, SMART subscribers can now also click on their phones to pay for purchases at malls, get the latest traffic news, play the most innovative text-based games, and get all the local and international information they need – all at the click of their fingers, because SMART Money and SMART zed are now combined in the Super SIM. And just like Martin says, "*Can anyone come close?*"

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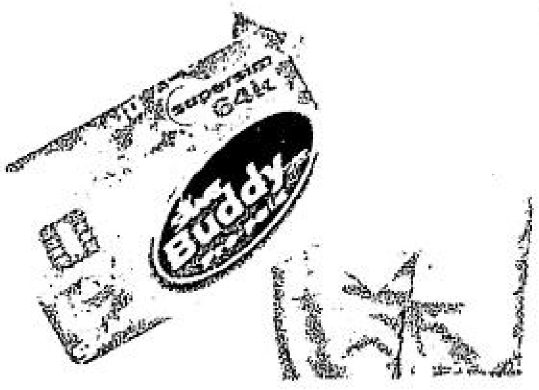

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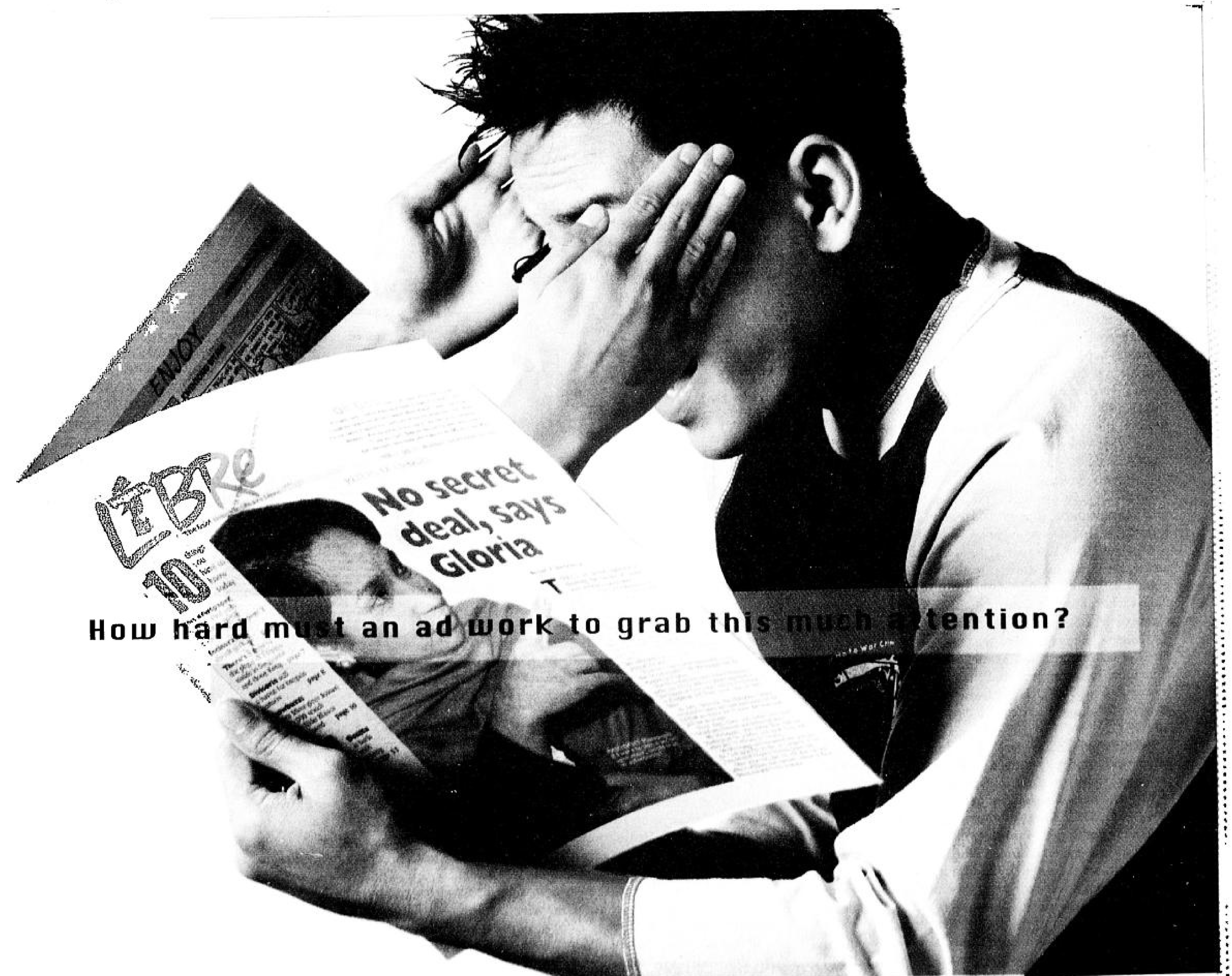

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Controversies

By Teddy Montelibano

Mr. Assunta de Rossi

IT'S a match made in tabloid heaven. Not even the weepiest primetime soap could approximate the juicy speculation sparked by the very public declaration of love between young sexy star Assunta de Rossi and Negros Occidental Representative Jules Ledesma on national TV. They're worlds apart, and isn't that the stuff of most fairy tale romances?

Congressman Jules Ledesma of Negros Occidental has everything, including the girl. But tragedy once haunted his incredibly privileged life

He's 41, she's 19. She's 5'8", he's barely 5'2". She's single, he's a widower with two kids. She's showbiz lucre, he's old money. Her mother was reportedly a former domestic in Italy, while he's from a *buena familia.*

No wonder his mother is deadset against her, or so the talk goes. No, other rumors go, it's her mother and her headstrong sister Alessandra who are against the match. He's using her for his political career. Well, that's why they're tying the knot in January 2004 to head off such speculation, counters Ledesma.

Over the popular Sunday showbiz talk show "The Buzz," Ledesma admitted his relationship with De Rossi, and followed this up with revelations that they had exchanged "commitment gifts," an expensive Cartier bracelet for him and a watch for her. The young legislator also confided that his children, Cristina Julieta Victoria, 9, and Julio Carlos V, 5, "love Assunta." The award-winning actress meanwhile told another interviewer that Ledesma's widowed mother, Conchita Lopez Arenas, had always wanted to meet her but that she's been too tied up with showbiz commitments to make the trip to his hometown in Bacolod. Two weeks later, talks shift to a hush-hush civil wedding real soon, reportedly because the couple has gotten tired of the naysayers.

Assunta makes her choice clear

But what's the fuss all about? Just who is Julio "Jules" Arenas Ledesma IV, the man that people have started calling "Mr. Assunta de Rossi"?

No matter how one looks at it, the congressman from Negros Occidental's first district and the chair of the formidable House Committee on Ways and Means has lived a charmed life. He sports the self-confidence common among his forebears before sugar lost its luster in the world market. His paternal grandfather, Julio Ledesma from Jaro, Iloilo City, had been, at one time, the country's biggest sugar planter. He had an eye for good land and an amazing talent for realizing the potential of most everything he invested in. Tired of sailing on board some rusty creaking batel as he commuted back and forth to Panay Island where his family was, and to Negros Occidental where his business enterprises were, he and some friends put up Negros Navigation in July, 1932.

Today, when most Negros landholdings have been dissipated over time by changes in fortune and inheritance, Ledesma's family remains one of the few who maintain direct control over thousands of hectares of good land in Negros Island. Their sizeable holdings in San Carlos City are now being developed into what will eventually become the first multi-use-economic zone in the Visayas, complete with its own airport to be built by Ledesma's own family.

Jules Ledesma was born and raised in Manila—the eldest child of the late Carlos L. Ledesma who, during his time, was a well-revered pillar of the country's sugar industry.

Charlie Ledesma had been a cause celebre, being the first Filipino Roman Catholic whose marriage was annulled by the Vatican. His second wife, Conchita L. Arenas, a beauty queen from Jaro, Iloilo City, had Jules and four other children with the Ledesma scion.

When Jules was born, Charlie was 43 and was president of Negros Navigation and head of the National Sugar Federation. "I grew up exposed to my father's peers," recalls Jules. "I would come home from school and see the industry pillars meeting in our living room. I remember playing with model ships in my father's office Saturdays while he conducted business."

Jules earned his Commerce degree from the University of Sta. Clara in California, USA and pursued an Agribusiness Management Program at the Arthur D. Little Management Education Institute in Massachussetts, USA. In Manila, he completed a Strategic Business Economic Program at the University of Asia and the Pacific.

The young Ledesma was trained to take over the family's businesses. In the mid-1980s, he was chief operating officer of one of the last large estates in Negros. He handled sugar trading in London, Tokyo and New York as well and earned his first million at 27. "I was nuts," he says of those days. "I was up by 3 a.m. with a Bloomberg line installed in my house."

Clearly, though, Ledesma had the time of his life. He had a fat bank account, a major art and fine wine collection, a mean-looking Harley, Formula car racing championship trophies to show off, vast landholdings, time to write and appreciate poetry, and political pelf. He authored the recently-passed power bill, which he calls "my baby." Born to wealth and privilege, he grew up spoiled, he admits. "I always had everything I wanted."

Things changed when he was 39. At the peak of his life, Ledesma lost what he considered most precious to him—his wife Marivi.

In early December 1998, then already on his second term as congressman, Ledesma was in the US consoling good friend and fellow-solon, Charlie Cojuangco, whose wife Rio Diaz was being treated for cancer. He came home to Manila to fetch his wife and family so

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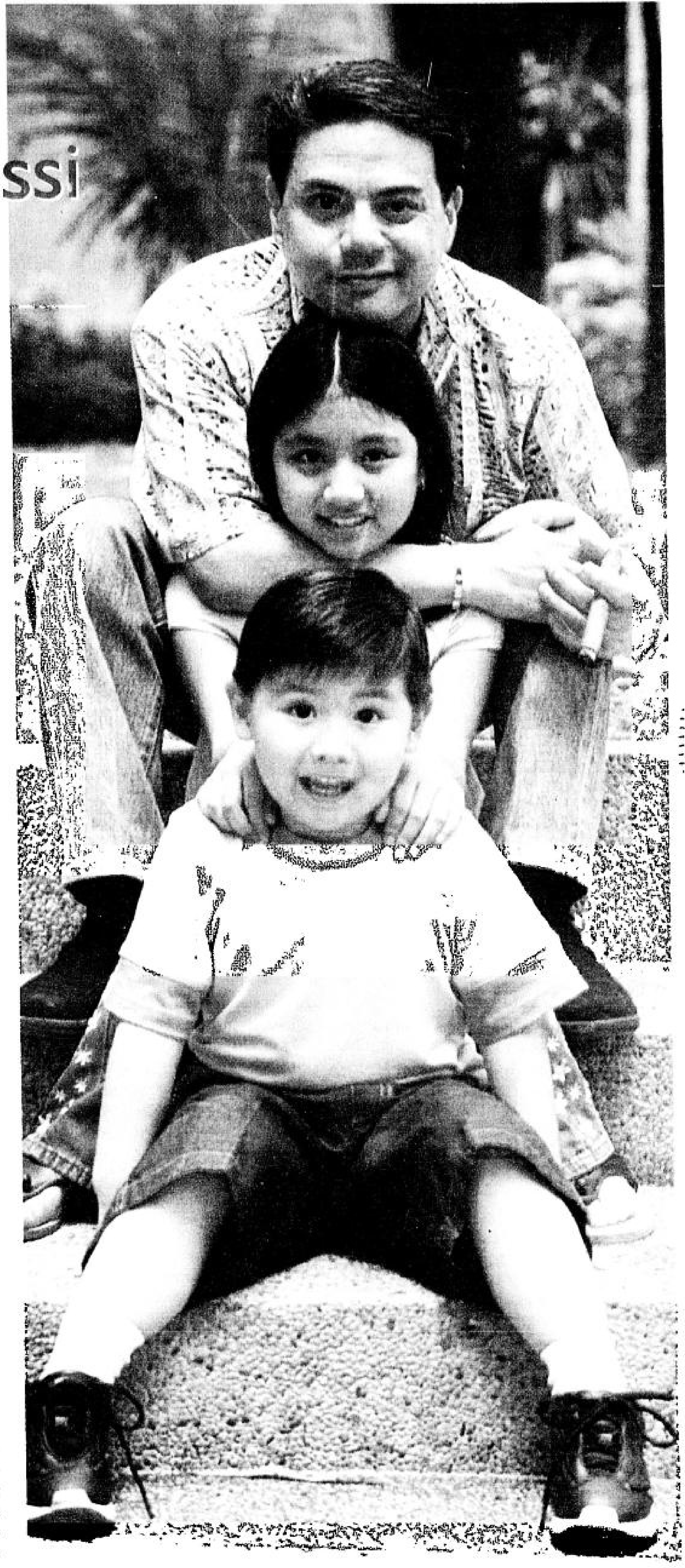


Jules with children Cristina and Julio

LoveNotes

By Joe D' Mango

Falling for a Gay Man

I realized that my crush can never be a real part of my life just because he is gay

Dear Joe,

It's really good to know there's someone like you out there, ready to listen and help people like me. Joe, my problem started when I realized that my crush can never be a real part of my life just because he's gay.

Joe, I'm at the height of my teen years. Being a member of the youth ministry in our parish, I got hooked on all the activities in the church and the friends I've gained. Two years ago, I met Jiggy. He's really an attractive young man. He studies at an all-boys school. He is very sweet and a nice person.

He's perfect, except that, yes, he is gay. Would you believe he giggles every time a cute guy passes by? But because of his personality, I chose to like him.

But Joe, things became different two months ago. Jiggy and I became really close. We talked endlessly over the phone. He went to my house when there were no classes. He blurted out one day that he wanted to court me. Joe, it was a major shock because, who would expect that a gay man would say such words? Is this for real? Is he willing to change for me? Is this a joke? I didn't know what to say. I asked for time to think about it after he assured me he would change.

Because of him, I turned down every suitor I had. I decided to give him a chance. He turned out to be an extra special person. He was able to do what a normal guy would do but is he using me as front for his real identity?

One day, he screamed when his "guy-crush" passed by. Joe, this was the time I was starting to fall for him. I was so disappointed and depressed. Life is so unfair. After this incident, he promised again that he would change. He said he was only surprised and that it didn't mean anything. Joe, help me. Should I trust him and give him another chance?

Thank you for taking time to read my letter. Jiggy, I hope you will soon know what you want in life, who you are and where you belong. More power to LoveNotes.

Sincerely,
Aileen

Dear Aileen,

I don't think Jiggy is ready to get into a commitment yet. It is tough being gay specially if you are being torn apart by who you really are and who you think you should be. Sometimes, gay men get into relationships with the opposite sex because they are afraid to fail. They struggle to balance themselves in the hope of staying upright. Being in a natural relationship probably gives them this sense of firmness, even if they are falling apart inside.

He is in a very difficult stage of his life because he still is searching for his real identity. He is also probably afraid of what he will discover. Aileen, Jiggy needs time to think about this. Committing yourself to him may not be the real solution to his dilemma. He needs someone who would understand what he feels and accept him for who he really is.

Aileen, when our feelings get too strong for a person, it is always wise to stop for a while and give our hearts a time to breathe, a time to use our mind to weigh our situation based on reason and not on emotion.

This Week

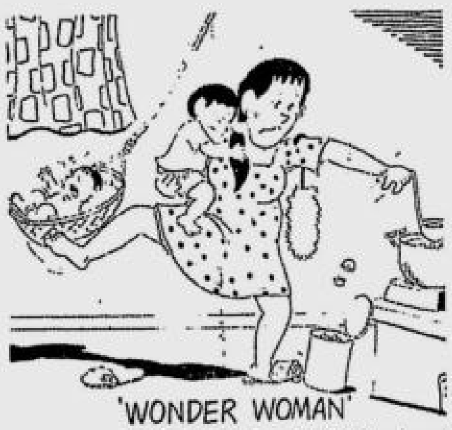
Art

Recent Works, a two-man exhibit in acrylic and pencil and oil on canvas by Mark Vincent P. Matabilas and Olan Ventura at the Big and Small Art Co. in SM Megamall until July 14.

Echolalia, Gary-Ross Pastrana's exhibit of original photo micrographs of reproductive parts of the human body, until July 14 at Finale Art Gallery, Artwalk, Level 4, SM Megamall A.

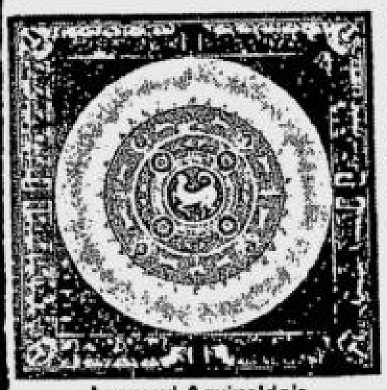
Touch of Men, an all-men art group exhibit featuring the works of Sining, Kulay at Tinta members until July 15 at the Gallery 101, 2/F 101 Kaimo Building, Sto. Domingo cor. Quezon Avenue, QC. For details, call 410-0159.

Anting-Anting, an exhibit of various media works by a group of emerging artists from Cavite, until July 31 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Bulwagang Juan Luna.



A cartoon by the Philippines' Tonton Young, part of "The 5th Asian Cartoon Exhibition" at the Shangri-La Plaza

Ten cartoonists representing nine nations in Asia will be featured in the **5th Asian Cartoon Exhibition** at the 4/L, Shangri-La Plaza Mall until July 26. The exhibit features the cartoonists' impressions on their respective country's measures for human resources, their society's educational needs and evaluation of advances made, and myriad issues and circumstances facing education in their country. For details, call 633-7851 loc. 110.



Leonard Aguinaldo's "The Policeman Who Ran Over My Dog"

Creative Isolation, a solo exhibit by Leonard Aguinaldo at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila until July 31. For details, call 523-3331.

Music

Broadway, the Shang Way!, a mini-concert presented by Trumpets featuring excerpts from top Broadway hits and Rodger's & Hammerstein's love medley at the Grand Atrium of the Shangri-La Plaza Mall today from 4-5 p.m.

Onstage

Repertory Philippines' production of **Visiting Mr. Green**, goes onstage at the William J. Shaw Theater, Shangri-La Plaza until today and at the Carlos P. Romulo Theater, RCBC Plaza in Makati City from July 11-21. For ticket reservations, call 633-4822 to 24.

Repertory Phils. stages "Visiting Mr. Green"

Intramuros Evenings Performing Arts Series presents Rolando S. Tinio's ***Isang Buhay sa Tambakan***, a biting comedy of manners with music, on July 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Teatrillo of Plaza San Luis (opposite San Agustin Church), corner Gen. Luna and Real Sts. Intramuros. Free admission. For inquiries, call 527-3138 or 527-2961.

Food

Choose from more than 20 kinds of dim sum for lunch on weekdays and over 45 varieties for brunch on Sundays and holidays with ***Dim Sum Discoveries*** at Edsa Shangri-La's Summer Palace. For reservations, call 633-8888 ext. 2738.

Enjoy the flavors of the Asean region at the Raphael Café-Restaurant of the Manila Galleria Suites as it presents the **Asean Food Festival** until today. For inquiries, call 633-7111 ext. 7416.

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The UP Creative Writing Center launches three **poetry collections**: "Menos Kuwarto" by Mesandel Virtusio Arguelles, "Apokripos" by Jerry Arcega-Gracio and "Samsara" by Allan Popa on July 12, 5 p.m. at the Vargas Museum in UP Diliman. For details, call 922-1830.

Learn simple ways to listen and commune with your angelic guide through fun and creative activities in **An Angel Awareness Workshop**, July 13, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Health and Creative Arts. For details, call 434-5381 or 0919-7091436.

Mensa, the international society for people with high IQs, will hold qualifying test sessions at the University of the Philippines on July 13. The tests will be held at the University Hotel, UP Diliman. The test fee is P400 (P150 for undergrad students). For reservations, text or call 0916-3058688 or email office@ph.mensa.org.

Adarna House is mounting a **workshop for aspiring and published children's writers** to be held in October. Ten writing fellows will be chosen based on the literary merit of their submitted stories. They will attend three days of lecture-workshops on story-writing techniques, the issues affecting the Filipino child reader and current trends in children's literature. Interested writers may send three copies of their original and unpublished children's story to Adarna House, 73-A Scout Limbaga St., Quezon City 1103. Entries should be typewritten on short bond paper and accompanied by a one-page biographical data on the writer. Deadline is Aug. 15.

The **Nihongo Center Foundation** announces that application for the new term is now being accepted. The course offerings are as follows: Elementary 1-4 (July 13-Dec. 14); Elementary Semi-Intensive Course (July 15-Dec. 11); Business Japanese (July 20-Dec. 14); Children's Nihongo (Aug. 3-Sept. 21); Short Course I (July 13-Aug. 31), and Tourism-Hotel Nihongo (July 16-Oct. 31). For details, call 735-3179, 892-4916 to 19 or visit its office at 3/F Philippines-Japan Friendship Center, 825 R. Papa St., University Belt, Sampaloc, Manila.

Discover your unlimited potential, true essence and personal leadership through **Foundations of Leadership EXcellence** (FLEX) on July 27-28. Free FLEX preview on July 16, 7 p.m. For details, call 632-7553 or 687-0162.

Mandarin Oriental, Manila holds **yoga classes** at the hotel's 18th floor with Prakash Singh Bisht as its resident yogi. The one-hour classes are held at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily except Mondays. Special classes may also be arranged for a minimum of six sessions for at least three persons. For inquiries, call 750-8888 ext. 2101.

The **Pinoy Writers Workshop** offers dynamic exercises and interactive modules to hone your writing skills. The following are the scheduled workshops to be held at Cafe Literati, 3/F inside Goodwill Glorietta every Saturday: July 13—Writing & Selling One-Pagers; Write & Sell Your Personal Experience Article; July 20—Writing & Selling the Mini-Profile; Flash Fiction; July 27—Writing & Selling the Op-Ed Piece; Aug. 3—Writing & Selling Anecdotes; Writing & Selling Short Takes; Aug. 10—Writing & Selling the "Tips Article"; Writing & Selling One-Pagers; Aug. 17—Writing & Selling the Inspirational Article; Writing & Selling the Mini-Profile; Aug. 24—Writing & Selling the Op-Ed Piece; Aug. 31—PinoyWriters' Eyeball. Registration is P200.For details, call 823-9591.

The Aromatherapy Center holds **Aromatherapy Yoga Sessions** with Lisa Magsaysay every Saturday at 8 a.m. and Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the 2/F Garden Square Building, Greenbelt Park, Ayala Center, Makati City. Each session includes full instruction in Asana practice and capped with a cleansing Oxygen Bar therapy and a relaxing aromatherapy massage. First trial session is free. Reservations are required. For details, call 812-9002 or 817-6673.

X-manila

Soft, a group exhibit by Andres Barrioquinto, Kiko Escora, Joel Mendez, Butch Payawal and Ronald Ventura at the Art Center, 2/F Building C, SM City Cebu until July 14. For details, call (032) 231-0557.

Pinoy Nga

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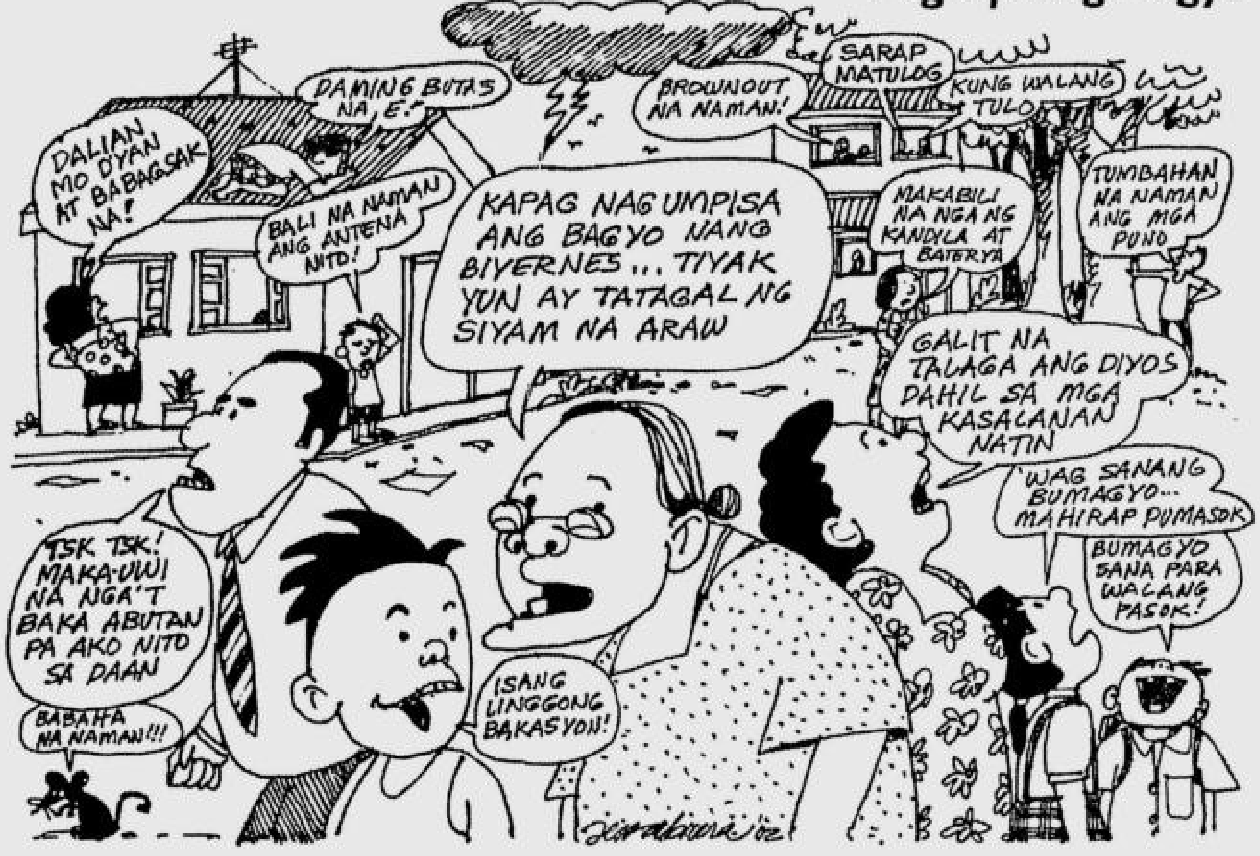
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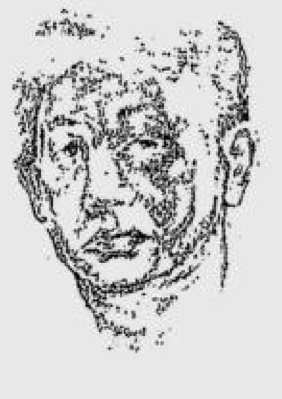
The SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE welcomes listings of events in and outside Metro Manila. Please send announcements at least two weeks in advance, and include contact numbers for inquiries on schedules.

Prakash Singh Bisht is the resident yogi at the Mandarin Oriental

Essentially Onib

Galleria Duemila presents "The Quintessential Onib" until July 15 at the Artwalk, 4th Level, SM Megamall Building A, Ortigas Complex. The commemorative art exhibit, on the occasion of the artist's sixth death anniversary, features representative samples of his finest works from his widow's private collection. Onib Olmedo is acclaimed by critics as the leading figurative expressionist artist of his generation, whose paintings celebrate the triumph of the human spirit in the face of pain and anguish. A multi-awarded artist, he earned international recognition for his work, winning an honorable mention at the prestigious international art competition in Cagnes Sur Mer, France in 1992—the very first Filipino to be accorded such a distinction. For more information, call 634-3261.



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they could proceed to Taipei and spend Christmas there. On Christmas day, Ledesma's own wife, the former Ma. Victoria Pek (of Filipino-Chinese and Taiwanese parentage) was rushed to the hospital, bleeding. She was diagnosed with cervical cancer, stage 1, which at that stage was 85 percent curable. After undergoing a few months of aggressive treatment in the famed MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, she was pronounced fine and sent home to Manila by her doctors. Four months later, she was rushed back to Houston. The disease had hit again, and this time, with a vengeance. Ledesma went through virtual hell as his wife suffered intense pain all through the remaining months of 1999. He recalled how, during the holidays that year, he "watched helplessly" as his wife screamed in pain. "That was my descent to hell," he recounts sadly.

Beyond work ("I logged some 150 hours in my laptop preparing for the bill debates"), Jules comforted himself by riding his huge black Harley Davidson for hours on end.

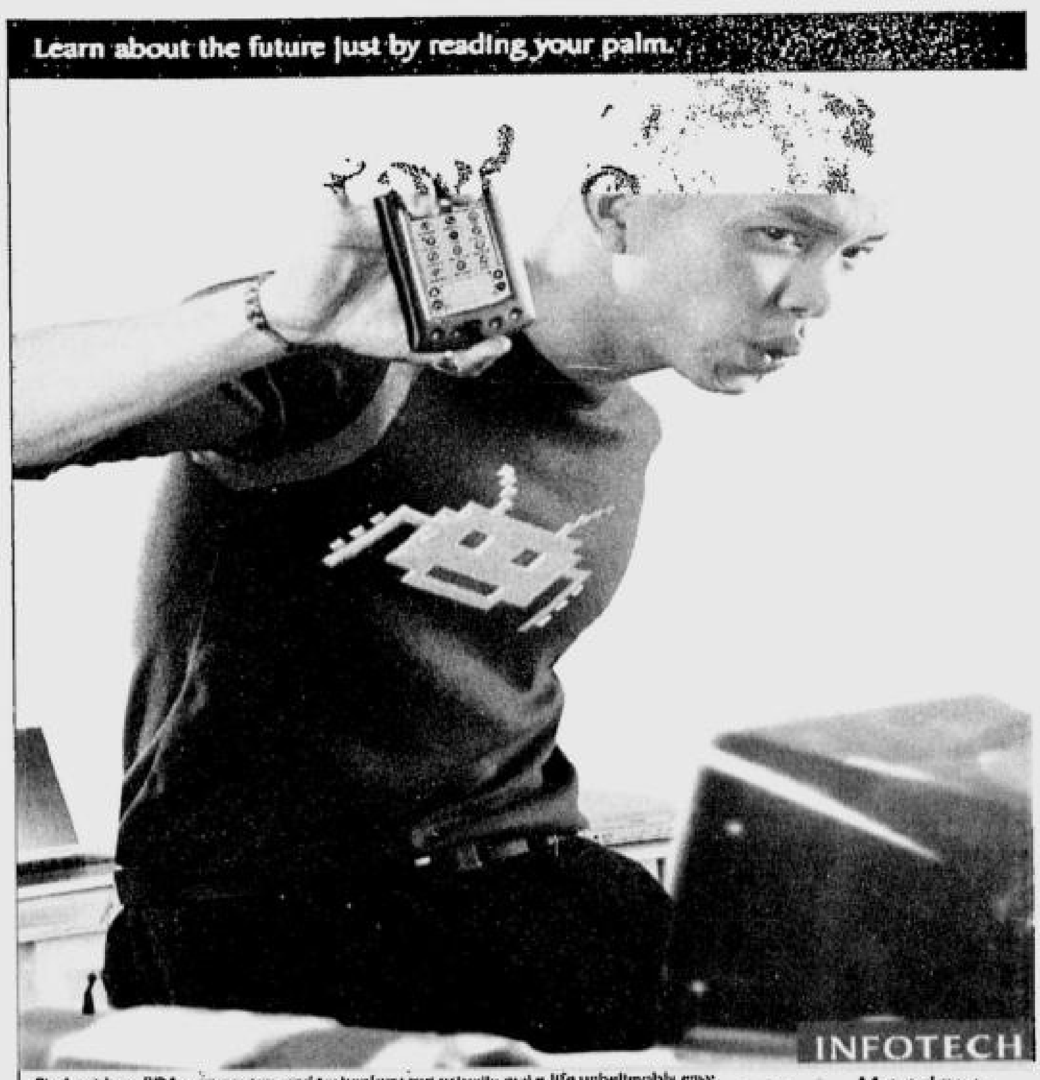
Finally, on February 10, 2000, "the good Lord took my wife out of her misery," he says.

What lifted him out of his depression was a chance encounter abroad with two Born Again Christians who paved the way to his spiritual revival. "The odds of seeing those two people on the same day in the same country overseas, though at separate times, were unbelievable," the young solon says. Jules' two kids helped knock sense into his head as well, as they began egging him to bring them to their old haunts.

As the young solon regained his balance, he decided to run for a third term in Congress.

Again Ledesma ran unopposed. Taking the same congressional district for the third—and last—time in the last elections was a walk in the park for him. Right now, the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means faces the daunting task of passing legislation that would generate revenue.

Outside the halls of Congress, the young solon faces another challenge just as daunting: dealing with the rumors about him and Assunta. It's a task he's gotten better at through time. Ask him where they're headed at any one time, and he gives a naughty wink and says mysteriously, "*Abangan!*"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